

In Christ: "Walking in Love"
Ephesians 5:1,2,10; 6:24

To Walk in Love Is to Be an Imitator of God - Eph 5:1,2

- "mimeo" (Gr.) - reproduce an "original"; duplicate a "master" - Eph 5:1
 - ...no trying hard to be like God, but trusting Him to reproduce Himself in and through us - Ga 2:20
- "huppogramme" (Gr.) - a written example to trace - I Pet 2:21
 - ...the invisible love of God lies beneath our visible life - Col 1:27
- Love is the operational word in God's family - I Jo 4:8; Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8; I Jo 3:16
 - ...nothing makes up for the absence of God's love - I Cor 13:1-3
 - ...In God's family, love sets the course - II Cor 5:14

To Walk in Love Is to Walk as Jesus Walked - Eph 5:2; I Jo 2:6; Ro 5:5

- The "first" of the first: Getting immersed in the "incorruptible love of God" for us - Eph 6:24
 - ...We are His always-being-loved children - Eph 5:1
 - ...Love is made possible by Love - I Jo 4:19
 - = God's love casts out the fear keeps us self-absorbed - I Jo 4:18
 - = God's love cannot be used by evil for any of its purposes - Eph 6:24; I Jo 5:18; Jo 14:30
- God's perfect demonstration of His Love: Jesus Christ - Eph 5:2; Ro 5:8
 - ...It is freely volitional: "an offering" - Eph 5:2; Jo 3:16; I Jo 3:16
 - = we freely choose to "put off" what love isn't - Eph 4:18,19,22,25-32
 - = we freely choose to "put on" what love is - Eph 4:24-32; I Cor 13
 - ...It is extremely personal: "gave Himself" - Eph 5:2; I Thess 2:8; II Cor 8:5
 - = He gives us Himself - Jo 1:12; I Jo 5:11,12
 - = His love pays attention to people - Eph 4:32
 - = We "particularize" our love: "Love my _____ as me".
 - = We "concretize" our love: "I will begin loving them with Your _____."
 - ...It is uncommonly sacrificial: "a sacrifice to God" - Eph 5:2
 - = common love: "my terms... my schedule... my comfort zones... until _____ do us part?"
 - = uncommon love: pays the price so others go free - Ga 5:1; Phil 2:3-8
 - (gives up something "valuable" for something even more valuable)
 - = putting the sacrificial character of Christ in us into the service of others - Ga 5:13

ONLY THE SACRIFICIAL LOVE OF GOD - Jesus Christ the Lord - OVERCOMES THE WORLD! - Jo 16:33