
WHO ARE WE IMITATING?: EPHESIANS 5 V. 1-21

‘In Christ’

: Lessons from Ephesians – Part 8



IMITATORS....



INFLUENCERS....

BE IMITATORS OF GOD, THEREFORE, ...

- As dearly loved children, live a life of loving sacrifice, with Christ as our example.

DON'T IMITATE THE WORLD, IN ITS

- Immorality
- Impurity
- Greed

YOU WERE ONCE DARKNESS, NOW YOU ARE LIGHT

- Live as children of the light
- No longer fruitless, but fruitful, in
 - Goodness
 - Righteousness
 - Truth

SHINING LIGHTS IN THE DARKNESS

- *Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour for nothing (Philippians 2:14–16)*

EXPOSE THE DARKNESS

- *Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.*

WHEN HIS LIGHT SHINES, WE AWAKEN

*“Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”*

MAY WE SAY WITH CHARLES WESLEY

*“Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.”*

A LIFE MARKED OUT BY

- Spirit-filled wisdom
- Heartfelt praise
- Thanksgiving in all circumstances
- Loving submission