



**July 27th, 2025**

**United - Ephesians 5:1-7 - Walk in Love**

**SUMMARY:** In this sermon on Ephesians 5:1-7, we explored what it means to "walk in love" as followers of Jesus. The passage calls us to imitate God, not just in public or on Sundays, but in the everyday realities of marriage, parenting, and work—where our true character is revealed. We discussed how being a child of God means having His DNA, and that our lives should reflect Christ's love in both our actions and our words. The sermon challenged cultural ideas about love and sexuality, emphasizing that true love is selfless, disciplined, and rooted in God's design. We also examined the dangers of sexual immorality and careless speech, and the consequences these have on our lives and our inheritance in God's kingdom. Ultimately, we were reminded that God's wrath is not the opposite of His love, but rather His passionate response to anything that harms what He loves. Our call is to walk in love, following the example of Christ who gave Himself up for us.

**SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 5:1-7; John 3:6; Ephesians 4:24; Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 12:4; Leviticus 19:17-18; Proverbs 6:32; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 2 Corinthians 13:5

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. "Real Walk" with God is seen in marriage, parenting, and work — not just on Sundays. In which of these areas do you find it hardest to "walk in love"..? Why do you think that is..?
2. The idea of imitating God as beloved children means we reflect His character. What is one specific way you could reflect God's love in your actions or words this week, especially in a situation where it's difficult?
3. We were challenged to exercise self-control with our bodies and honor God's design for sexuality. Are there any habits, relationships, or media you need to reconsider in light of this? What would it look like to take a step toward greater self-control?
4. Paul says our words should be marked by gratitude, not filthiness or crude joking. Is there a pattern in your speech—at work, home, or online — that you sense needs to change? What's one practical way you could start to shift your words toward thankfulness and integrity?
5. God's wrath is not the opposite of His love, but the passion of His love for what is good. How does this understanding of God's wrath affect the way you view His boundaries and commands? Is there a boundary you've been tempted to ignore or push against?
6. The story of King David was used as a warning about compromise. Is there an area in your life where you've been making small compromises? What would it look like to honestly examine and address that area this week?
7. Jesus is our example of selfless love. Who is someone in your life that needs to experience Christ-like, selfless love from you right now? What is one thing you could do for them this week?