



Sermon Notes

Ephesians 5:1–2 (ESV)

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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(Answer key located on next page)

I. UNDERSTANDING OUR IDENTITY AS BELOVED CHILDREN (Ephesians 5:1)

Key Truth: You can't live like God's child until you _____ God's child.

- The word "beloved" means specially _____.
- We couldn't join God's family on our own - we needed to be _____.
- There's a difference between trying to live like God to _____ His child versus living like God because you _____ are His child.

Application for Fathers: Tell your children you love them not because of what they _____, but because of _____ they are to you.

II. EMBRACING HIS INTIMACY THROUGH CHRIST'S LOVE (Ephesians 5:2a)

Key Truth: You can only _____ what you've _____.

Application: The Love Battery Check

- Every morning, spend _____ minutes reading about Christ's love.
- Throughout the day, when frustrated, remember: "Christ loves me _____"
- Before responding to difficult people, ask: "How can I show them the same _____ Christ shows me?"

III. DEMONSTRATING HIS IMITATION THROUGH SACRIFICIAL SERVICE (Ephesians 5:2b)

Key Truth: When we imitate Christ's sacrificial love, our imperfect service becomes _____ to God.

Christ's Sacrifice Pattern:

1. _____ choice (we decide to serve)
2. _____ giving (no holding back)
3. _____ motivation (service flows from genuine care)
4. Focus on _____ (their needs matter more than our recognition)
5. _____ of God (we're ultimately serving Him)

Application: The Fragrant Family Project Choose one way to sacrificially serve each family member that mirrors how Christ _____ you.

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- Which of the three main points (Identity, Intimacy, or Service) do I need to grow in most?
- How has my understanding of being God's "beloved child" changed after this message?
- What specific area of my family life needs more sacrificial love?

NEXT STEPS:

1. **This Week:** Practice the "Love Battery Check" daily.
2. **This Month:** Have intentional conversations with each family member about God's love.
3. **Ongoing:** Ask yourself regularly: "How can I reflect my Heavenly Father in this situation?"

The phrase "like father, like son" doesn't have to be a warning - it can be a blessing. You CAN become someone worth copying.

Answer Key

I. UNDERSTANDING OUR IDENTITY become, treasured, adopted, become, already, do, who	III. DEMONSTRATING HIS IMITATION fragrant, intentional, complete, love, others, worship, served
II. EMBRACING HIS INTIMACY give, received, 5, right now, love	

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins. Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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