Message Outline



Be Imitators of God

Ephesians 5:1-7

I. Introduction

II. Be Imitators of God

Ephesians 5:1-2 (CSB)

[1] Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, [2] and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.

“For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.” (Matthew 5:45b, CSB)

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:44-45a, CSB)

“Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 23:34b, CSB)

Ephesians 5:3-4 (CSB)

3 But sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of among you, as is proper for saints. 4 Obscene and foolish talking or crude joking are not suitable, but rather giving thanks.

Ephesians 5:5 (CSB)

5 For know and recognize this: Every sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, who is an idolater, does not have an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Ephesians 5:6-7 (CSB)

6 Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for God's wrath is coming on the disobedient because of these things. 7 Therefore, do not become their partners.

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