

“WALK IN LOVE”
Ephesians 5:1-7

INTRODUCTION:

As we begin this New Year, let’s make it a year dedicated to Walking In Love – Loving God supremely and mankind.

“... the greatest act of love we can ever perform for people is to tell them about God’s love for them in Christ.” – Billy Graham

This message focuses on three aspects of Walking in Love:

- I. **THE COMMAND TO WALK IN LOVE** (vv. 1-2)
 - A. Believers are to Embrace God’s Love (Matt 22:36-39)
 - B. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus said, “Love Your Enemies” (Rom 12:20-21)
 - C. God loves us unconditionally (John 3:16; 1 John 4:7-8)
 - D. Believers are to extend God’s Love to Others (Eph. 4:32; Rom 12:10; Luke 6:36; Col 3:13)

- II. **THE CHARACTERISTICS OF WALKING IN LOVE** (vv. 3-5)
 - A. Reject Unloving Behavior (v. 3; Matt 16:26; Eph 4:31)
 - B. Believers are to practice Gratitude and Thanksgiving (v. 4)
 - C. Honor God by living in Obedience to His Word (vv. 6-7; Gal 5:19-20; 1 John 1:9; Rom 6; Matt 7:21`-23)
 - D. The Believers Duty of Separation (v. 7; Eph 5:11; Luke 5:30-32)

- III. **THE FRUIT OF WALKING IN LOVE**
 - A. It shows that we are followers of Christ (John 13:34-35)
 - B. It shows that we love one another, have been born again and that we know God (1 John 4:7).
 - C. It shows that our testimony and confession is True 1 John 4:14-16).
 - D. Walking in the Love of God is to Walk in the Commands of God, in Obedience to His Word (1 John 5:3_.

CONCLUSION:

A. Walk in Love: (1) We are commanded to love mankind and Love God Supremely, (2) We are to Reject Sin and unloving behavior, and (3) The Fruit of our walk shows our identification with Christ – We are His followers.

B. The Love of God is unconditional and unchanging.

C. ABC’s of Salvation

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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“...the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).