**April 8, 2018 “Walk in Love” Ephesians 5:1-7**

Ephesians is one of the most interesting books in all the Bible. The reason I say this is because Paul is always contrasting the things of God with the darkness or foolishness of this world’s value system. Notice if you will:

1. Ephesians 4:1-3 compared to Ephesians 4:14
   1. Wind of doctrine
      1. Global warming
         1. Below zero this last week in April
      2. Guns
         1. Archie Bunker story
      3. World peace
         1. Wars and rumors of wars all over
      4. Vegans
         1. Support abortion on demand
2. Ephesians 4:17-19 compare to “but you did not learn Christ this way”
3. Ephesians 4:25-26 compare to “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth”
4. Ephesians 5:1-2… walk in love compare that to Ephesians 5:3-6
5. Ephesians 5:10 compare to Ephesians 5:11
6. Ephesians 5:15 careful how you walk compare to Ephesians 5:16… “let us eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die”
7. Ephesians 5:18 don’t get drunk with wine compare to Ephesians 5:19-20
8. Family structure Ephesians 5:21 - 6:4

In all of these comparisons, there is a distinction between what this world holds onto as valuable and what God deems valuable in a person’s life.

1. Ephesians 5:1-2
   1. Here in these two verses Christian love is described
      1. Walk in love
         1. Our daily conduct wherever we are at
            1. Home, work, on vacation or wherever we are at
      2. Just as Christ loved you
         1. How did He love us?
            1. Ephesians 4:32
   2. Love is what this world is looking for
      1. Let’s lay foundation for love
         1. 4 types of love in the Bible
            1. Agape love… Ephesians 4:32

Kind, tender hearted, forgiving

* + - * 1. Phileo… friendship kind of love
        2. Storge… protective love… parent for a child
        3. Eros… romantic love or physical intimacy
  1. That is really what the world wants too
     1. All without God… all poor imitations of what God offers

1. Here is this world’s definition of love
   1. Fornication
      1. All types of perversion… porneia
         1. Homosexuality, pedophilia, group marriage, pornography, polygamy and on and on it goes
            1. All these things we can find on our televisions

“I didn’t think you believed in marriage?’

“I am thinking about asking her to move in with me”

That’s a big commitment… are you sure?

I bought so and so a ring just as a gift

She will think it is a marriage proposal

We’ve been dating for a year

Means we have been living together for a year

* + - 1. All uncleanness
         1. What about the music we listen to?

Conway Twitty… “I’m lying here beside you with Linda on my mind?”

Rap music is filthy, disgusting and vile in the way it describes and treats women

What gets posted on-line many times is filthy, suggestive and immoral

* + - * 1. Jimmy Kimmel illustration
      1. Covetousness
         1. Exodus 20:17

His house, his wife, his male servant, maid servant, his cars, trucks or tractors, or anything else that is his

* + - 1. Foolish talking or jesting
         1. Let the jokes you tell be funny not filthy
      2. Everything this world has to offer in this realm is a “chasing after the wind”

1. Rather give thanks
   1. What is culmination of everything we talked about so far?
      1. Selfishness… constantly wanting something else
   2. Cure
      1. Giving thanks
         1. Warm house, electricity, running water, in-door plumbing, clothes washer and dryer, for your husband, for your wife, for your children, for your health, for your wealth, for your church, for your godly friends, for your brothers and sisters in the family of God, for salvation full and free, for a heavenly home.