



May 22, 2016  
Celebration | 9:00 am  
Elevation | 11:00 am  
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## New Actions for New People Ephesians 5:1-5

### Be imitators of God by walking in love. Ephesians 5:1-2

*"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma."*

- It is because of Christ's work that we are free to imitate him. Galatians 2:20  
*"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."*
- Christ is the grounds for, and the model of our love for each other.

### Allow no place for immorality, impurity, and greed in our lives. Ephesians 5:3

*"But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;"*

- Greed ↓
- Immorality ↓
- Any impurity ↓

### Do not invest into the kingdoms of this world, but instead invest in the kingdom of Christ and God. Ephesians 5:4-5

*"...and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."*

- The kingdoms of this world
  - Filthiness, silly talk, and coarse jesting = having a dirty mind expressing itself in vulgar conversation
- The Kingdom of Christ
  - Giving thanks reflects the Christian attitude towards life and sexuality

### Which areas of your life are you giving into the culture of the time?

- 1 John 2:16-17  
*"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."*

## LifeGroup Discussion:

1. **Read Ephesians 5:1-5 together.** In what ways do you find it difficult to imitate Jesus?
2. Are there ways in your life you have been successful in imitating Jesus? Share them with the group, encourage each other through stories of success in your life!
3. **Read Ephesians 5:1-5 together again.** In what ways is our culture like the culture of the first century church in Ephesus?
4. Do you find that you are pressured to live like everyone else in our culture?
5. Spend time praying for one another. Praying that God would strengthen us to make the decisions we need to make in order to be imitators of God by walking in love.

## Next Steps:

1. **Join a LifeGroup.** LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. They meet both on Sundays here on campus and in people's homes. For more info, visit [calvarylife.org/lifegroups](http://calvarylife.org/lifegroups)
2. **Attend the Wednesday night series, "Great Authors of the Faith"** on Wednesday nights in May from 7:00-8:30 pm in Samsvick Chapel. We will be studying the life and works of the great writers like A.W. Tozer, Brennan Manning and Tim Keller. Each night, a different Calvary Pastor will share how that night's writer has impacted their lives. Come grow in your faith as we learn from these great authors together. Find out more at [calvarylife.org](http://calvarylife.org)
3. **Take a night out as a couple and attend "We Choose Love" Dessert + Date Night at the brand new Ritz Ballroom at the Yost Theatre in Santa Ana.** Join us on Tuesday, May 24, at 7pm as we partner with Tyrone and Elina Wells and our friends from Marriage365 for a night out to grow closer together in our relationships. Register online at [wechoose.love](http://wechoose.love)