

The Walk In Love

Ephesians 5:1,2

Introduction

In describing the believer's walk in love, Paul used Jesus as the example (Ephesians 5:2). Jesus himself instructed His followers to love one another as He loved them (John 13:34; 15:12).

Message

1. The source of love
 - a. Spiritual life results in love (1 John 3:14).
 - b. The Holy Spirit produces love (Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:22).
2. The objects of love
 - a. Believers are to love God with all their hearts (Matthew 22:37,38). When they love God, they will also love others (1 John 4:20).
 - b. Believers are to love all people, including members of the family (Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:4), fellow believers (1 Peter 2:17), and even enemies (Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:14,20).
3. The nature of love
 - a. The quality of love is described in 1 Corinthians 13:4–7, and love will never fail (verse 8).
 - b. The intensity of the believer's love is described as fervent (1 Peter 1:22; 4:8).
4. The blessing of love
 - a. Love of God results in the believer's receiving a crown of life (James 1:12).
 - b. During this life, our love of God also assures us that all things work together for our good (Romans 8:28).

Conclusion

There is danger of losing the "first love" as the church of Ephesus did (Revelation 2:4). For this reason believers must keep themselves in the love of God (Jude 21).

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