



## IMITATING GOD

*Ephesians 5:1-2*

### 1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ to Imitate God

Flowing out of our adoption by God through Jesus Christ, we are to be imitators of God. To mimic (not mock) the Living God is the command given to all who belong to Him through faith in the Lord Jesus.

*By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. ~ 1 John 3:10*

### 2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ in Following God

For the believer, the command is to live in a perpetual motion of love. To follow the Lord is to continually practice the sacrificial expression of His divine command.

*And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. ~ 2 John 1:6*

### 3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God

The unwavering love of Christ is the example set for every believer. How did Christ love? He loved you by giving His life as the acceptable sacrifice before His Father.

*Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ~ John 13:1*

## 1 THESSALONIANS 1:6-7

**AND YOU BECAME IMITATORS OF US AND OF THE LORD, FOR YOU RECEIVED THE WORD IN MUCH AFFLICTION, WITH THE JOY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, SO THAT YOU BECAME AN EXAMPLE TO ALL THE BELIEVERS IN MACEDONIA AND IN ACHAIA.**



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### Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

#### Galatians 6:7

*Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.*

#### 3 John 1:11

*Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.*

#### 1 Corinthians 11:1

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

#### Proverbs 24:17

*Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles.*

#### Proverbs 3:3

*Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.*

#### Colossians 3:14

*And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

#### Romans 14:15

*For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.*

#### Galatians 2:20

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

#### Romans 5:8

*But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

#### 1 Timothy 1:14

*And the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.*

#### 2 Corinthians 5:15

*And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*