

# Imitate Our Loving God

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<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.—Ephesians 5:1–2



**God's Word is as relevant today as it was in ancient times** Acts 19, 20)

A main theme of Ephesians

*You belong to Christ, not to this world  
So live like Christ, not like this world.*

**Imitate God, As Beloved Children** Lev. 11:44, Luke 6:36, Luke 11:1, 1 Thess 1:6

We imitate who we follow, either God, or this world, John 3:3, Eph 4:17

A growing knowledge of God's love spurs us to imitate Him, 1 John 3:1

**How do we imitate God? By our \_\_\_\_\_**

A believer is marked not by perfection, but by continual \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thess. 4:9–10, Phil 1:9

Christ's example defines loves, beware of the world's subjective definition

\_\_\_\_\_ love pleases the Father

## Reflection and application

What are some worldly definitions of love that sway me?

Who am I willing to increasingly show sacrificial love towards?

I resolve to meet daily with God through His Word and prayer to be changed

I struggle with certain worldly values which oppose God's truths.

I'm willing to try various ways of exercising sacrificial love