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“Be imitators of God...as dearly loved children...live a life of love...as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God”

Ephesians 5:1,2

I. The _____ (Vs. 1a)

- A. Be _____ of God (mimetai = to _____)
- B. Both our _____ and our _____
- C. This is an _____ statement!

II. The _____ (vs. 1b, 2a)

- A. **Path#1**— Our _____ relationship as _____
 - 1. God loves all his _____ but NOT all are children (John 3:16)
 - 2. Those who pass through the _____ and are _____ (John 1:12-13)
 - 3. We are _____ children, just like he called his son (Matt. 3:17; 17:5)
 - 4. We _____ God in His relationships with the _____.
- B. **Path #2** - Our _____ to the world through _____
 - 1. This word _____ (agape = love that expects _____ in return)
 - 2. We cannot mimic God in his _____ but in his _____ of love.
 - 3. The very _____ of God is to love (I John 4:8) - “..._____ is love”
 - 4. We are _____ to love (I John 4:7-12; 16-21)

III. The _____ (vs. 2b)

- A. We love and live following the example of _____
- B. We know Christ through _____, prayer, and _____ guidance.
- C. Jesus loved by “_____” for us as a
 - 1. An _____ (prophora = giving _____ things unto God)
The _____ offerings - Jesus told us he was the _____ of life (Jn. 6:35)
 - 2. A _____ (thysia = giving of the _____ of life unto God)
The _____ sacrifices - Jesus is the “_____ of God” (John 1:29)
- D. This love was a _____ that pleased God
This kind of love is both _____ and _____!