

“Living The Gospel In Times of Deception”

Ephesians 5:1-21

New Hope Community Church

August 1st, 2021

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1. Imitating God will look like _____ in every respect (2)

- _____ **as He loved**
- **Fully _____ to the Father’s will**

2. God’s standards are not to be _____ (3-6)

- **The Kingdom of God reflects the _____ of the King**
- **This is lived out in actions, attitudes, and _____**
- **Character to the contrary _____ people from God**
- **To say otherwise is _____ through empty words**

3. We are called to _____ between light & darkness (7-13)

- **There is to be a _____ difference between the children of light and the children of darkness!**
- **What comes forth from God is _____ marked by these three qualities — goodness, righteousness, truth**
- **Living the Gospel will _____ the deeds of darkness for what they are (see I Pt 2:12)**

4. We are called to _____ in wisdom, not foolishness (15-21)

- **Living with a God-centered _____ in an evil day**
- **Understanding and doing what God _____**
- **Enabled by the Holy Spirit’s _____**
- **Regularly involved in the spiritual life of the _____**

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2. God's standards are not to be **compromised** (3-6)
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 - **This is lived out in actions, attitudes, and words**
 - **Character to the contrary separates people from God**
 - **To say otherwise is deception through empty words**
3. We are called to **discern** between light & darkness (7-13)
 - **There is to be a distinct difference between the children of light and the children of darkness!**
 - **What comes forth from God is always marked by these three qualities — goodness, righteousness, truth**
 - **Living the Gospel will expose the deeds of darkness for what they are** 1 Pt 2:12
4. We are called to **walk** in wisdom, not foolishness (15-21)
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