

## Open It!

Has anyone ever said to you, "You're just like your father or mother?" What was it they saw?

## Read It!

Ephesians 5:1-21

## Discuss It!

How are we to imitate God (5:1-2)? What would that look like?

What traits or behaviors are inconsistent with being a child of God (5:3-6)?

How have evangelical Christians become partners with sons of disobedience (5:7) in the marketplace or political arena? And, at what price?

How should mark our walk, our lives as followers of Jesus, children of God 5:2, 8-9, 15-18)?

What does a Holy Spirit controlled life look like (5:18-21)?

Are there dark shadows lingering in your life? What hidden or secret things need to be brought into the light (5:11-14)?

## Live It!

Reflection. Consider who you are in Christ.

✓ *Who You Say I am* by Hillsong

✓ *A Child of the King* by Harriet Buell and John Sumner

Confession. Bring the hidden and secret things into the light by acknowledging them to the Lord and a trusted friend.

Action. Read *Victory Over Darkness: Realize the Power of Your Identity in Christ* by Neil T. Anderson and consider taking the *Steps to Freedom in Christ*.

## Advent. Light Dispelling Darkness

*Children of Light*

Ephesians 5:1-21

Sunday, December 28, 2025

## Sermon Question

Do You Know Who You Are?

## You Are a Beloved Child of God

*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 (ESV)

## Action Steps!

- Imitate your Heavenly Father.
- Love like Christ loved us!

### **You Are Not Who You Were**

*Therefore do not become partners with them;<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.*

Ephesians 5:7-8 (ESV)

### **You Are Light in the Lord**

*but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light<sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),*

Ephesians 5:8b-9 (ESV)

### **Action Step!**

Grieve.

Confess.

Repent.

### **Action Step**

What is good and right and true?

Shine as Light.

Speak words of encouragement.