

Learning to Love as Jesus Loved Us

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

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Matthew 3:16-17

“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Ephesians 5:1-2

“Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. 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

1. To walk in love as Christ loved us, we must die to our ways and learn to live to his ways (Eph. 4:25-31).
2. To walk in love as Christ loved us, we must lay down our rights and learn to forgive one another (Eph. 4:32).

Ephesians 5:1-2

3. To walk in love as Christ loved us, we must lay down our lives for the glory of God in the salvation of others (Matt. 28:18-20).

Just A Few Questions...

- *Do you care about lost people?*
- *Do you tend to look down your nose a little bit at people who aren't Christians and think in your heart that you're just a little bit better than they are?*
- *Are you praying on a regular basis for anyone to be saved?*
- *Are you actively seeking to share Jesus with anyone who's not a Christian?*
- *Are you actively seeking to serve anyone who's not a Christian whether or not you get the opportunity to share Christ with them?*

Ephesians 5:1-2

3. To walk in love as Christ loved us, we must lay down our lives for the glory of God in the salvation of others (Matt. 28:18-20).
4. To walk in love as Christ loved us, we must lay down our lives for the glory of God in the good of others (John 13:1-17).