

Being Like God: Love - the Willing Surrender

Ephesians 5:1-2

We all want to be like our heroes.

This text shows the heart of God, our duty toward God, and our motivation to our duty.

Be Like God

Can you aim any higher? Can you aim any better?

We are to imitate Paul as he imitates Christ.

(1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:6)

We are to conform to some of the attributes of God.

Forgiveness: Ephesians 4:32

Holiness: Leviticus 19:2

Mercy: Luke 6:36

As Beloved Children

We love, because He first loved us.

I wanna swim like a fish and fly like a bird!

As Christians, we can, and must bear the family likeness. (Romans 5:5)

Walk in Love

Walk, used other times in Ephesians (4:1-3; 4:17; 5:1; 5:8; 5:15)

This walk is a character trait, a habit, a way of life.

As Christ Loved You

Christ is our model of love, our motivation for love, and our power to love.

How did Christ love us? (John 15:12)

An offering of love must be freely and wholly given and it is pleasing to God.

Do something radically loving.