

**Sermon Notes**  
**“The Beginning to Re-create”** (Eph 5:1-2)  
**June 21st, 2020**

**Theme:** We can live ‘right’ because our hearts have been made ‘right’

➤ **Invited into a gospel culture (Ch 1-3; 4-6)**

➔ **Right thinking leads to right living**

➤ **Command: Imitate the genuine God (5:1a)**

**Reason: You are His Child (5:1b)**

**The Orphan**

- \* Lack intimacy with God, feel alone, full of self-concern.
- \* Anxious over felt needs: Health, relationships, money, etc.
- \* Feel condemned, guilty & unworthy. Days filled with fear.
- \* Performance oriented, either succeed or fail, must look ‘good’.



**Child of God**

- \* God is *my* heavenly Father, growing awareness & assurance.
- \* Trust the Father & have growing confidence in his care. Don’t worry.
- \* Live forgiven & free. Feel loved & totally accepted on *Christ’s* merits.
- \* Live in partnership with God, trusting *his* plan is wise and best.

**Discussion:** Where are you on the spectrum of identity? What barriers prevent us moving toward adoption in Christ? What distracts us from ‘watching’ Jesus to imitate Him?

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➤ **Command: Walk in love (5:2a)**

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable, or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”  
(1 Cor 13:4-8a)

**Reason: Jesus set the example (5:2b-c)**

**Discussion:** How are we currently loving well? What would *relationships* in the church look like if we ‘walked in love’ further? What would *gathering* as the church look like?

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