

Ephesians for Everyman: *Identity Crisis*

Week Five: Ephesians 5

As we progress in this series *Identity Issues*, it's important to constantly comeback to the truth of who we are in Jesus. Identity drives all of our actions, because if we know who we are *in Christ*, then we'll know how to live our lives *for Christ*.

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children." - Ephesians 5:1

Greek - *Mimitase*, which is where we get the word "mimic"

According to Paul, how much of our live is to be informed by our identity in Christ? _____! Our faith informs everything.

Why would we sacrifice so much of who we are Where does the motivation come from? According to this passage, because we are _____.

"Live a life filled with love...." - Ephesians 5:2

Christ was the full embodiment of both grace_____truth, but for many of us we've experienced grace _____ truth.

"Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes - these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God." - Ephesians 5:3-4

God's man can't an ounce of sexual sin, because_____.

Sin is like cancer, and whenever we are dealing with extracting cancer we have one question for the Doctor. "Doc, _____?"

"For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. so live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true." - Ephesians 5:8

Live into your new and true identity as God's man. You are full of light, don't forget! But also....._____, we were all _____ once.

If you plan on living as an imitator of Jesus Christ, you will often find yourself at odds with our culture. We cannot imitate both the _____, and _____.

"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do." Ephesians 5:15-16

"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves..." - Ephesians 5:18

But, for the follower of Jesus _____ is not the issue, _____ is!

"For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. 28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself." - Ephesians 5:22-27