

### Introduction

Words: calling, duties, forgiveness, give, love, new man, truth

Over the past six sermons, Paul has shown us what life as the \_\_\_\_\_ looks like.

We are to speak \_\_\_\_\_, control our anger, work so that we can \_\_\_\_\_,  
use our words to build others up, and replace bitterness with \_\_\_\_\_.

These are not simply a collection of Christian \_\_\_\_\_.

They are different expressions of one great \_\_\_\_\_: to imitate our Father by walking in \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1) Vs 1 Imitate Your Father

Words: adopted, beloved, Bibles, children, Christ, conform, does, identity, image, imitate, position

Because of what \_\_\_\_\_ has done, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ the Father.

To "imitate" means to be one who \_\_\_\_\_ what others do.

As Christians, we are called to \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ and display His characteristics (Romans 8:29).

We need to be reading our \_\_\_\_\_.

We see God most clearly in Christ, who is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

"As \_\_\_\_\_ children" describes our \_\_\_\_\_ and standing.

Once again, \_\_\_\_\_ comes before conduct.

We do not imitate God to become His \_\_\_\_\_; it is only as His children that we can imitate Him.

We have been \_\_\_\_\_ into a loving family, which should motivate us to imitate our loving Father.

### 2) Vs 2a Walk in His Love

Words: acts, another's, Christ, continuity, controlled, give, grace, life, live, sacrificial

"Walk" means to \_\_\_\_\_ or behave in a customary manner, with a focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the action.

"Love" is agape - \_\_\_\_\_ love, the love God has for us.

Paul calls us to make this love our way of \_\_\_\_\_ - not our second nature, but our only nature.

When we look back at the past six sermons: Truth speaks for \_\_\_\_\_ good.

Anger is \_\_\_\_\_ for another's good. Work produces something to \_\_\_\_\_.

Speech gives \_\_\_\_\_. Forgiveness releases bitterness.

These are \_\_\_\_\_ of sacrificial love.

Paul calls us to live a life of sacrificial love patterned after \_\_\_\_\_'s love for us.

### 3) Vs 2b Love as Christ Loved

Words: define, fragrant, fulfilled, glory, offering, reconcile, self, substitutionary, tolerance, us, worship

Firstly, we do not get to \_\_\_\_\_ what love: emotions, \_\_\_\_\_, affirmations, or acceptance.

Scripture tells us what love is and what it looks like. How did Jesus love us?

- Christ's love was \_\_\_\_\_-giving: He gave Himself up (Philippians 2:7-8).
- It was \_\_\_\_\_: He gave Himself for us (1 John 3:16).
- It was Godward: an \_\_\_\_\_ and sacrifice to God as a \_\_\_\_\_ aroma.

This draws us back to the sacrifices in Leviticus, with their shadows and meanings \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

What Jesus did was first for the Father's \_\_\_\_\_ and to Him; secondly, it was for \_\_\_\_\_.

Both work together to \_\_\_\_\_ us to the Father and bring Him glory.

So it is with our love: we love our brothers and sisters, but ultimately it is our act of \_\_\_\_\_ to God.