

## **A Study of the Epistles of Paul (NT Survey Lesson 170--Ephesians 5)**

**Introduction:** In this chapter Paul continues to describe the lifestyle of the Christian as he grows in likeness to the Lord. Every area of life is affected as we "walk in love" toward those around us.

**Lesson aim: To understand what it means to walk in love toward others and how this love is manifest in the husband-wife relationship.**

### **The lifestyle of the Christian--Ephesians 5:1-21**

1. Who is the Christian to imitate? How will this cause him to walk? How did Christ show his love for us?
2. Make a list of and define those things that Paul says should not be named among God's people (v. 3-5). What is the fate of those who practice these things?
3. What is the Christian's responsibility toward those who live in sin? (v. 7, 11)
4. Why should the Christian not partake in sinful things? (v. 8-10)
5. How then are Christians urged to walk in v. 15-16? How do Christians get the wisdom to live right?
6. With what should the Christian not be filled? With whom should he be filled? What will this cause him to do?
7. What else are Christians to do to each other (v. 21)? What does this mean?

## **The relationship of husbands and wives--Eph. 5:22-33**

1. What does Paul urge the wives to do? Why?
2. What does Paul urge the husbands to do? Why?
3. How did Christ demonstrate his love for the church (his bride)?
4. From whose body was the first woman made? What did Adam say about his wife? What lessons does Paul derive from this in v. 28-29?
5. The obvious meaning of Gen. 2:24 is what? Does it also have a spiritual meaning or message relating to Christ and the church? If so, what is the message?
6. How does Paul sum up the responsibility of both the husband and the wife (v. 33)