

Oxford Baptist Church – Sept 15, 2019 – Pastor Robin W. Pifer Transformed for Christ’s Glory – Mini-Series – Transformed Relationships. “Be Imitators” – Ephesians 5:1-10

The Plea: Be Imitators. v. 1

Imitators, Impersonators and Imposters.

Our true identity is in Jesus Christ. 2Cor 11:14

“I am going to be like _____.”

Our Pattern: Jesus Christ. John 10:30

1 Cor 11:1; Philippians 3:13-19

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

_____ **like Jesus. V.2-3, 5**

1John 2:6

- Walk in love instead of lust.
- Watch your life and doctrine closely. 1Tim 4:16
- Not Rules but a Relationship.

⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, **but instead let there be thanksgiving.**

Eph 4:25,29

Psalm 19:14

_____ **like Jesus. V. 4-5**

Prov 18:21

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

_____ **like Jesus. V. 6-8**

1Cor 2:16; Philippians 4:4-7 – Worship, Pray, Think Godly

Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern (*find out*) what is pleasing to the Lord.

_____ **of Jesus. v. 9-10**
Philippians 2:5

Life Group Questions

1. Discuss the differences between an Imitator, Impersonator and an Imposter.
2. Why is it essential for us to have our true identity in Jesus Christ? Why does identity confusion happen without Christ?
3. Who did you want to be like when you were a child or teenager?
4. How does this message impact you about the importance of your relationship with Jesus Christ?
5. Why is this pattern of Jesus Christ based on a daily relationship with Him rather than on rules and regulations?

6. Discuss the application points of the message about being imitators. How are we to be imitators? How can we encourage each other to be imitators of Jesus Christ?
7. Take some time this week and pray through each section asking the Holy Spirit to empower your walk, talk, mind and attitude to be like Jesus Christ.