

Ephesians 5:1-7

1-2. Therefore **be followers of God** as dear children. And **WALK IN LOVE**, as Christ also has loved us and GIVEN HIMSELF for us, an OFFERING and a **SACRIFICE to God for a sweet-smelling aroma**.

- **I John 2:6** "He who SAYS he abides in Him (Jesus) OUGHT himself also to _____ just as He _____ ."
- **I Corinthians 13:4-7** "LOVE suffers long (is patient), and is _____ ; love does not _____ ; love does not _____ , is not puffed up (proud, arrogant, conceited); does not behave itself _____ , does not seek its own (is not SELFISH), is not provoked (easily angered); thinks no _____ ; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the _____ ; bears all things (puts up with a lot), believes all things, _____ all things, endures all things."

Definition: "a sweet-smelling aroma" - This refers to the sacrifices and incense used in the Old Testament worship of God. All of the Old Testament sacrifices and rituals were SYMBOLIC of Christ, and He is their fulfillment. (Colossians 2:16-17, Hebrews 9:1-14). When God was pleased with the Israelites' sacrifices, He would say it was a "sweet-smelling aroma." For us today, as Believers under the New Covenant (New Testament) the sacrifices that please God are the SACRIFICES of our PRAISE.

- **Read Hebrews 13:15-16** (Verse) 15 "Therefore by Him (Jesus Christ) let us continually _____ the _____ of _____ to God, that is the _____ of our _____ , giving _____ to His name."

3. But **FORNICATION** and all uncleanness or **COVETOUSNESS**, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for **SAINTS**;

- **I Thessalonians 4:3-7** "For this is the _____ of _____ , **your sanctification**: that you should **abstain** from _____ ; that each of you should know how to _____ (keep) his own vessel (body) in SANCTIFICATION and _____ , not in _____ and _____ , like the Gentiles who defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the _____ of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to _____ , but in _____ ."
- **Hebrews 13:4** "Marriage is honorable among all, and the [marriage] bed _____ ; but in _____ ."
- **I Corinthians 6:18-20** "Flee sexual immorality (fornication). Every sin that a man does is _____ the body, but he who commits _____ sins against his own _____ . Or do you not know that you _____ is the _____ of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were _____ with a _____ ; therefore glorify God in your _____ and in your _____ , which are God's."
- **Exodus 20:17** "You shall not _____ your neighbor's _____ , you shall not _____ your neighbor's _____ , nor his _____ , nor his _____ , nor his _____ , nor his _____ , nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Definition: "FORNICATION" - **ANY sexual** intercourse other than between a man and woman **married to each other**.

Definition: "COVETOUSNESS" - GREED, craving for possessions, especially desiring things that belong to someone else.

_____, who, knowing the righteous _____ of God, that THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS are WORTHY OF DEATH, not only do the same, but also APPROVE of those who practice them."

- **I Thessalonians 5:9** "For God did not appoint us to _____, but to obtain _____ through our _____."
- **I Thessalonians 1:9-10** "For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you _____ to God from _____ to serve the _____ and _____ God, and to wait for His Son from _____, whom He _____ from the _____, even Jesus who _____ us from the _____ to come."

Definition: "SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE" - According to Ephesians 2:2, the "sons of disobedience: are UNBELIEVERS; those who are still under Satan's control, and have not been born again. In Ephesians 2:3 they are also called "children of WRATH." Since they have NOT accepted God's way of forgiveness for their sins, they have nothing to look forward to except the WRATH OF GOD and eternity in HELL. John 3:18 "He who believes in Him (Jesus)is NOT _____; but he who does not believe is _____, because he has NOT believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

7. Therefore, do not be PARTAKERS with them.

- **Read Revelation 18:1-10** (Verse 4) "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come _____ of her, _____, lest you SHARE in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.'"
- **II Peter 1:4** "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious _____, that through these you may be _____ of the divine nature, having _____ the _____ that is in the world through _____."

NOTE: Rather being PARTAKERS in the SIN and CORRUPTION of this word, God allow us to be PARTAKERS of His DIVINE NATURE. Romans 6:17-18 "But God be thanked, that though **you were** (used to be) **slaves of sins**, yet you **obeyed** from the heart that form of doctrine (teaching) that was delivered to you. And **having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**"