

Sermon Notes -- Themes from Ephesians

“Becoming an Imitation of God” – Ephesians 5:1-2

I. Introduction.

A. An incredible statement.

1. Ephesians 5:1 is the only place in the Bible where these words occur.
2. What others have said about it.

B. The Text: Ephesians 5:1-2

II. How do we do it?

A. First note what we cannot imitate:

1. Incommunicable Attributes of God

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

2. Communicable Attributes

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____

g. _____

h. _____

B. Paul notes specifically which attribute to zero in on.

1. Love
2. Note further the tie-in to Chapter 4 and 5:2.

C. First kind of Love

1. “Forgiving Love”

D. Second kind of Love

1. “Giving Love”
2. God is a giver—I John 4:10; Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20; John 15:13

E. Third kind of Love.

1. “Living Love” (Boice); “Aromatic Love” – Pastor Don.
2. Fragrant aroma.
 - a. Old Testament usage – 43 occurrences.
 1. Gen. 8:21
 - b. New Testament usage – 5 occurrences.
 1. II. Cor. 2:14-16 is key to this study.
- b. When we lead our lives by following Christ as well as speak about Him, our souls give off an _____.

III. Points for Reflection.

- A. We must imitate God’s forgiving nature.
- B. We must imitate God’s nature in giving of ourselves.
- C. We must imitate God through the aroma of our lives.