



## The Attractive Alternative

Ephesians 5:1–17 calls followers of Jesus to live as an “attractive alternative” to the world around them. Paul reminds the church in Ephesus that Christian transformation begins with identity in Jesus Christ. This passage highlights thanksgiving, holiness, and discernment as signs of a reordered life grounded in Christ. Community, not isolation, is where our darkness is lovingly exposed, and our theology is formed. As we “walk in the way of love,” consider how practicing thanksgiving, learning what pleases the Lord, and using our time wisely shapes who we are becoming.

- What is one small, everyday thing you’re thankful for right now that you often overlook?
- Read Ephesians 5:1–17. Paul says to “be imitators of God” and “walk in love.” After reading the passage, what stands out to you about what that kind of walk looks like?
- Ephesians 5:8–10 talks about living as “children of light” and testing what pleases the Lord. According to this passage, what contrasts does Paul draw between darkness and light?
- How do you see identity shaping behavior in Paul’s argument? (“...you were darkness... now you are light”)
- Practicing thanksgiving reorients our hearts towards God. What’s one practical way you could build thanksgiving into your daily rhythm this week?
- Paul challenges believers not only to know what pleases the Lord but to do it. What is one area where God might be prompting you to take a next step of obedience?
- Ephesians 5:16 urges us to “make the most of the time.” Where in your life do you sense God inviting greater intentionality—at home, at work, in relationships, or in your spiritual life?

## Praying together

Pray that God would deepen each person’s desire to imitate Christ in their daily rhythms—at home, at work, and in relationships. Ask for strength to walk in love, wisdom to discern what pleases the Lord, and boldness to live as an attractive alternative in a world that needs Jesus.

