

#1. Bitterness, Wrath, Anger, & Malice to Forgiveness (Eph 4:31,32)

- In the Christian life a glorious metamorphoses takes place: regeneration
- Exhortation of vs 31 seems similar to vs 26-29 but there is a difference
- Vs 30 “Don’t grieve the Holy Spirit” is the key. From general to specific

I. Bitterness, Wrath, Anger, Clamor, Evil Speaking, All Malice

1. *All Bitterness*
2. *Wrath*
3. *Clamor*
4. *Evil speaking or slander*
5. *With all malice*

II. Kindness, Tender Heartedness, Forgiveness

1. *Kindness*
2. *Tenderhearted*
3. *Forgiving*

III. We Must Forgive Because We Have Been Forgiven

1. “Even as God in Christ forgave you”
2. We are to forgive others this way, because this is the way God forgave us.

#2. Be Imitators of God (Eph 5: 1,2)

- The very thing that separates the Christian life from moralism: forgiveness

I. We are Called to Imitate God (5:1)

- We are called to imitate God because we are the very children of God

II. We Imitate God’s Love by Reciprocating that Love.

- We love God because He loves us and we love to honor him in His family

III. Walk in Love as Christ Loved & Gave Himself up in Love for us

- He gave Himself for us
- A offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling aroma