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Informer

Imitation

*1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.
2 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.*

Ephesians 5:1,2

Here, we read Paul's exhortation at the beginning of Ephesians 5. This chapter is full of advice for faithful Christian living, but I believe that this first verse holds the key to being able to follow the rest of the chapter. He is going to tell us in this chapter to be pure, to be careful in how we walk and use our time. He will tell us to not get drunk, but to be filled with the spirit as we sing with one another. The chapter finishes with God's advice for how to act as Husband and wife.

These are keys to a faithful Christian walk, but I believe it all starts with who we are striving to imitate in life. From an early age we see that humans want to imitate those around them. Small children will parrot the words that we say to them. Teenagers will follow the styles of their favorite performer or athlete. So many of us find ourselves saying things that we used to hear our parents and grandparents say. We tend to act like those we imitate so Paul encourages us to decide to imitate our Father as dear children. Love one another. Sacrifice for one another, and live for one another. If we will do these things God will be pleased, our relationships will be blessed and our marriages will bring glory to God. May God bless us all to this end.

John

Who Is He?

Matthew 16:13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Jesus often asked questions to cause individuals to consider their reasoning. Jesus knew what the disciples were thinking without asking them but he is forcing them to draw their own conclusion. He first asked what other people were saying. Some thought he was John the Baptist. John was a noted for his speaking. He drew crowds and he plainly spoke the truth. Some said he was Elijah. Elijah was known from history for several miracles. Since Jesus performed miracle after miracle many thought Elijah had returned to life. Others thought he was Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Jesus talked of the future often which formed this connection in people's minds. These are options that people thought were possible. Today people have many opinions - from Jesus never existed to he was simply a good man from the first century.

Jesus then asked the personal question, "Who do you say that I am?" This is the question that every person must ask and answer. The disciples correctly answered that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. He was the Messiah and he was God's Son. What conclusion have you arrived at? Why have you come to this conclusion? Are you willing to ignore what the people say and search the Scriptures for the truth? The answer to this question plays an important part in our eternal destiny. When the correct answer was given the Lord pronounced a blessing upon Peter for his answer. We also will be greatly blessed by making this same confession. Who do you say Jesus is?

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Lauren Belew Grinder - recovering from appendectomy
- Myrna Jett-broken ankle
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Rita Pace - Shingles
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Melissa Stutts - surgery Friday, Sept. 30th
- Barney Roland
- Elaine Whitehead

Deepest sympathy is extended to Karen Williams and her family in the death of Gary, whose funeral was conducted on Monday.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

David Davidson, Jackson Gordon, Elizabeth Archard, Marie Skelton, Little Natalie Kuykendall, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, Greg Grissom, Ann Lamar, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Darrell Brown - cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad, Jane Wells, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Ginger Chesnut, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219 - 901-0280, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Donnie G. Davis
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Trent Hill
 David Morgan Gary Boyd
 Larry Nicholson Tommy Hight
 Tommy Skelley Jason Kelley
 Charlie Willis Dustin Stutts
 Read: Acts 17:26-27.....Jacob Pollard
 Sermon: Connect With God.....Jody Pritchett
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Chris Mobley
 Read: Matthew 26:36-46.....Trent Thomason
 Sermon: Prayers of Complaint.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

Girls2Grannies will meet Tuesday, September 27 at 6 p.m. Angie Massey will be the speaker. The theme is "Lunch Ladies." Please sign up to bring finger foods and items to make quiet bags for the children to use in worship.

Ushers: Mike Lyle, J.W. Gilliam, Terry Burgess
 Greeters: Bill & Leah Fuller, Danny & Linda Lasater
 Visual: Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M. and P.M.—Benny Bolton, Ryan Massey

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Teresa Lyle, Kasey Cross
 P.M.....Angie Massey

Wednesday, Sept. 28 - Fall Series - 6:30 P.M.

Song LeaderSam Quirk
 Prayer.....Jerry Wilson
 Announcements.....John Thomas
 Speaker.....Stan Butt