

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 6/28/09

SERIES: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Ephesians 5:1-7](#)

TITLE: “A SUMMONS TO PURITY”

INTRO:

1. What have you learned in our study of Ephesians?
 - a. *Ephesians 1-3* teaches _____.
 - b. *Ephesians 4-6* teaches _____.
2. Focus on the duty/practice called for in *Ephesians 4*.
 - a. The grace of church unity, *verses 1-3*.
 - b. The ground of church unity, *verses 4-6*
 - c. The gifts of church unity in diversity, *verses 7-11*.
 - d. The _____ of church unity in diversity, *verses 12-16*.
 - e. The grave clothes of the “old” man, *verses 17-19*.
 - f. The grace clothes of the “new” man, *verses 20-24*.
 - g. Putting on the grace clothes/the believer’s _____ in Christ, *verses 25-32*.

PROPOSITION: In *Ephesians 5* Paul shows us a picture of our heavenly Father and His Son and invites us to copy their heart.

- I. LIVE IN HOLINESS, OUT OF LOVE, *Ephesians 5:1, 2*.
 - A. Imitate God, *verse 1*.
 1. The tone of family, “dear children.”
 2. The _____ of [Ephesians 4:25-32](#).

- B. Imitation Won't Happen Apart From Effort, *verse 2*.
1. Study His gift, cf. [John 15:13 & Romans 12:9, 10](#).
 2. Develop self-giving and self-sacrifice, (out of love, cf. [1 John 3:16 & Philippians 4:8, 9](#)).

II. IDENTIFY AND OVERCOME LOVE'S ENEMIES,
Ephesians 5:3-7.

- A. Responsibility-Abstain From _____ Practices, *verses 3, 4*.
1. Abstain from immorality.
 2. Abstain from all uncleanness.
 3. Abstain from covetousness/greed.
 4. Abstain from filthiness.
 5. Abstain from foolish talking, cf. [Psalm 14:1-3](#).
 6. Abstain from coarse jesting/joking, cf. [Romans 6:1, 2, 9-14](#).
- B. Reason-No Inheritance For Sin-Controlled Sinners, *verses 5, 6*.
1. What does *verse 5* mean? Is God's standard too _____? Cf. [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#).
 2. Beware deceivers/Divine warnings must be heeded, *verse 6*.
- C. Command-Do Not Live This Way, *verse 7*.
1. Give thanks, *verse 4*.
 2. Don't partner, *verse 7*.

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you saved/sure of heaven?
2. Are you living in holiness, out of love?