

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

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### PART 9: BEING FOLLOWERS OF GOD

The apostle Paul intensified his teaching to the Christians in Ephesus in detailing the customs of the Diana worship that were unacceptable to God and also addressed the problem of alcohol and the Christian way of a marriage.

#### **FOLLOWERS OF GOD**

There is no male or female in the angelic world and the followers of Diana worshiped a fallen angel under the control of Satan. Satan himself doesn't know what love is and love certainly doesn't exist in the worship of demon gods. Paul told the Christians to be followers of God and to walk in love. **Ephesians 5:1-2**

#### **THE FRUIT OF SATAN**

Paul listed the fruits of Satan that were part of the worship of Diana: fornication, uncleanness, covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, coarse jesting, whoredom and idolatry. This kind of fruit is so repulsive to God that Christians should not even talk about it or discuss their old memories. **verses 3-5**

The entertainment in the Western world in 2011 is built upon the fruit of Satan and movies and television programming spews this into the households of the people who are watching it. Paul gave a larger listing in his letter to the Galatian church. **Galatians 5:16-21**

We are not even to partake in these activities. **Romans 1:24-32**

A Christian cannot have fellowship with the Devil and his crowd and think that he will not be affected. Partaking of the sins of the world will bring spiritual destruction and "spiritual suicide" is a good way to describe it. **2 Peter 2:9-22**

Be not deceived by the world. **Ephesians 5:6-13**

Wake up from spiritual sleeping and walk with integrity. **verses 14-16**

Find the will of God. **verse 17**

Do not be a drunk. **verse 18; Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35**

Praise the Lord on a daily basis. **verses 19-20**

#### **THE CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE**

In order to have a solid Christian marriage, there must be a submission from the man and the wife to each other. **verse 21**

Once a couple has submitted to one another in marriage, it is the duty of the wife to submit to the husband in the same fashion that she submits unto the Lord. **verse 22-24**



The husband is to love his wife the same way that Jesus loves the Church. **verses 25-32**

The husband is to love his wife and the wife is to respect her husband. **verse 33**

The children are to obey their parents. **Ephesians 6:1-3; Exodus 20:12**

Fathers are not to provoke their children. **Ephesians 6:4**

### **EXTENDED RELATIONSHIPS**

This command was given at the time when most households in Ephesus had slaves but this also applies to anyone who is employed and being paid for it. A servant or a worker should be obedient to their employer. **verses 5-8**

Employers should treat their workers with respect. **verse 9**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

**DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?**