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*5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 5:1-2

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# Real Love vs. Counterfeit Love

*For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?  
Do not even the tax collectors do the same? Matthew 5:46*

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<sup>13</sup> “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup> But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:13-20

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Real believers reject filthy talk.

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Real believers are really thankful.

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<sup>18</sup> *give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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Have a faith that's real or face a wrath that's fierce.

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*<sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.*

1 John 2:29

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So you've got Paul in Ephesians 5:5 essentially saying:

You can *be sure* of this, that **everyone who practices those unrighteous things is not going to heaven.**

And you've got John in 1 John 2:29 essentially saying:

You can *be sure* of this, that **everyone who practices righteousness is born of God and is going to Heaven.**

But notice: You practice righteousness *because* you are born of God. You're *not* born of God because you practice righteousness.

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*...for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.*

Ephesians 5:6

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