

## **Ephesians 5.1-7 “A New Commandment and New Calling”**

### **1. New Commandment, results in:**

#### **a. New Liberty**

5.1 “therefore”

4.31 “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice”

4.32 “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

5.2 “live a life of love, just as Christ loved us”

Hebrews 12.15 “See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.”

#### **b. New Love**

5.3 “But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people”

1 Timothy 5.2 “Treat...younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.”

Matthew 5.28 “I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

#### **c. New Language**

5.4 No “obscenity, foolish talk, coarse joking”

Colossians 3.8,9 “now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other”

Exodus 23.13 “Be careful to do everything I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.”

#### **d. New Loyalty**

5.7 “Therefore do not be partners with them”

James 4.4 “Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”

### **2. New Calling**

## a. to be God's Child

5.1 "dearly loved children" -

1.5 "he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ"

1 John 3.1 "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

## b. Heirs of the Kingdom

5.5 "For of this you can be sure...inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

Romans 8.17 "Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ"

Colossians 1.13 "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves"

Revelation 1.5,6 "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father"

## c. Guaranteed by God's Word

5.6 "Let no one deceive you with empty words"

2 Peter 1.4 "he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires"

## d. Redeemed by His Blood

5.2 "Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God"

John 3.16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Galatians 2.20 "The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

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