How Can We Compliment God?

**Reading - Ephesians 5:1-14**

**Living a life of sacrifice [vs.2]**

***(John 15:11-13) "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. {12} "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. {13} "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.***

***(Hebrews 6:12) imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.***

**A list of things that keep us from imitating God [vs.3-5]**

***(Ephesians 5:3-5) But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; {4} neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. {5} For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.***

***(Matthew 15:18-19) "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. {19} "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.***

***(Ephesians 4:29) Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.***

**Don’t be deceived by the Great deception [vs.6].**

***(Ephesians 5:6) Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.***

The deception goes something like this, **“Would a loving God loving destroy all of the children He made in His image”?**

**time for revival**

Could it be that you are not imitating God because you’re asleep spiritually?

***(Ephesians 5:14) Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."***