

The Believer's Walk

Introduction

- A. The Bible describes the Christian life as a "walk". The words used in the Scripture refer to a certain "rule" or "pattern" of life.
- B. We are reminded that we are not to live or "walk" as we did before we received Jesus Christ as Savior.

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Eph. 2:2

- C. The Christian's life is not his own. We may not "walk" to please ourselves!

I. The Pattern for the Christian Life.

- A. The Christian is to live according to faith, Col. 2:6.
As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him.

Observation: We received Jesus Christ as Savior through the full surrender and receiving act of faith. This is how we are to live – fully surrendered to Jesus Christ as Lord and always receiving His provision for our daily life.

- B. The Christian is to live according to the Will of God, I John 2:6.

He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.

Observation: Jesus Christ stated He lived according to His Father's will (John 4:34; Heb.10:9). The believer must recognize the will of God for his own life – choose to live that way – and do it practically in all areas of life.

- C. The Christian is to live according to truth, III John 4.

For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

Observation: To live in this way is not only to live an honest life but to live according to the Scripture. Jesus Christ said ". . . Thy Word is Truth," John 17:17.

II. The Instruction for the Christian Life.

- A. We are to walk by faith, Romans 4:12.

And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

Observation: Reminder: the Christian life is a relationship with God

B. We are to walk in newness of life, Romans 6:4.

Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Observation: Our life should be a contrast to our old life.

C. We are to walk under the direction of the Holy Spirit, Romans 8:1,4.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Observation: The Holy Spirit is our Teacher. He will glorify Jesus Christ in us. We must be concerned about this and seek His direction.

D. We are to walk so that We would please God, Colossians 1:10.

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing, in the knowledge of God.

Observation: A sample of what pleases God is growing in fruitfulness and our knowledge of Himself.

E. We are to walk in wisdom toward the non-Christian, Colossians 4:5.

Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

Observation: We are to pray, think, plan, and live so that we can witness.

III. The Power for the Christian Life.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16.

Observation: The indwelling Holy Spirit is our daily enablement.

IV. The Warning Concerning the Christian Life.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. I John 1:6

Observation: living according to truth is a characteristic of all true believers.

V. The Promises Related to the Christian life.

A. The promise of an understanding of life, John 8:12.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the World, he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

B. The promise of divine fellowship and cleansing, I John 1:7.

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

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