

The Believer's Walk (2)

Introduction

- A. Christianity has been designed by God to work – in the most practical manner possible.
- B. However, before the benefits of the Gospel can become a practical reality, the believer must choose to honestly apply the Word of God to specific problems in daily life.
- C. This principle of practicality is emphasized in the Biblical reminder that the Christian life is a "Walk." Christianity is more than a religious philosophy, more than a group of doctrines and more than a humanitarian service. It is all of these – applied to life!

I. The Basis of the Believer's Walk.

- A. The believer has been blessed With all spiritual blessings, Eph. 1:3.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Observation: From the Viewpoint of the provision of God there are no "second rate" Christians. All of us have all of the provision of God for living the Christian life.

- B. The believer has been sealed with the Holy Spirit, Eph. 1:13.

In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of Truth the Gospel of your salvation; in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise.

Observation: Here is the believer's source of power and instruction—the Holy Spirit. We are indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit so that God's provision can become a reality.

II. The Goal of the Believer's Walk, Eph. 1:6,12,14.

To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved . . . That we should be to the praise of His glory . . . unto the praise of His glory.

Observation: These verses remind us that the reason for our creation, our salvation, and the daily life – is to bring glory and praise to Jesus Christ.

III. The Explanation -- Instruction Concerning the Believer's Walk

- A. The believer is to live worthy of his calling, Eph. 4:1.

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation (calling) wherewith ye are called.

Observation: Our calling and daily life must be in harmony.

B. The believer is to live a life of separation, Eph. 4:17.

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles (non-Christians) walk, in the vanity of their mind.

Observation: Life, for the Christian, has a goal. We are not to live for the selfish satisfaction of the moment.

C. The believer is to live a life of love, Eph. 5:2.

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

Observation: The first and second commandment is to love God and our neighbor.

D. The believer is to live as a child of light, Eph. 5:8.

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light.

Observation: God has given us His Word. We are to live accordingly.

E. The believer is to live a life of attentive wisdom, Eph. 5:15,16.

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Observation: We are to make the most of our daily life. Time is a precious commodity. We cannot redeem wasted time.

IV. The Warning Concerning the Believer's Walk, Eph. 6:10-12.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His word. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Observation: We have an enemy. His purpose is to rob us of the experience of the grace of God. It is important to put on the armour God has provided and to resist him!

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