

WALKING IN CHRIST

Col. 2:6

Intro: If we have received Christ, Himself, into our innermost hearts, then our life will reveal it's close acquaintance with Him by a walk of faith in Him.

- 1. Walking implies action:** Our christianity is not to be confined to our closet (prayer only).
 - We must carry out into everyday living that which we believe.
 - If a person walks in Christ, then that person acts as Christ would act:
 - For being in Christ, that person's hope, love, joy, life is but the image of Jesus and people will recognize the similarity to Jesus (if they know Jesus).

- 2. Walking implies progress:** *"So walk ye in him..."*
 - It is to proceed from grace to grace. (It is to grow in christian maturity)
 - It is to go forward until one reaches the utmost degree of knowledge that can come concerning the Lord Jesus.

- 3. Walking implies continuance:** It is a constant, perpetual remaining, abiding in Christ.
 - It is more than thinking of Christ in the morning upon awakening and at evening when the day is done but giving the world one's attention throughout the day.
 - To do so is poor living, yet this is the life style of most christians.
 - It is being with Christ, walking in His steps and doing His will throughout the entire day, not just certain times or hours of a day.

- 4. Walking implies habit:** Speaking of a person's walk and conversation, it means one's habits, the constant way of life.
 - If a person sometimes thinks of Christ, then forgets Him, that is not habit.
 - If a person sometimes talks of love for Christ, then talks of Christ not caring, that is not habit.
 - To walk with Christ as a habit, one must keep to Christ, cling to Christ, never let Him go, and live for Him and have existence only for and in Him.

- 5. Walking implies living life the same way in which one began as a new born Christian:**
 - Trusting one's entire existence to Christ.
 - The source of one's life.
 - The reason for living.
 - The joy of living.

- 6. *"As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him."***
 - Whether it be in time of joy and happiness or whether it be in the valley of the shadow of death, continue to walk with Christ as you started out.