

Walking As He Walked

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1 John 2:6 "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

- I. You say you are a Christian? You say Christ lives in your heart, and you abide in Him?
 - A. Then you owe some things to Him, and to others.
 - B. "Ought" means that you are obliged; you OWE it to Christ to walk as He walked.
 - C. Instead of being a debtor BEFORE you are saved and having your debt cleared, you are actually a debtor AFTER you get saved — to walk as He walked.

Romans 8:11-14 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 1:14-15 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

- II. To walk as He walked includes several things:
 - A. To live our life according to the way He lived his life on this earth.
 - 1. He came to show us how to live.
 - 2. He lived in such a way as to show us what really matters. what is important
 - B. To conduct ourselves as Jesus conducted himself while on the earth.
 - 1. Close communion with the Father, through much prayer.
 - 2. Primarily taking care of the needs and concerns of others, rather than himself.

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

- C. To be occupied with the same things He was occupied with.
 - 1. The souls of men that are perishing.
 - 2. The real human needs of people.
 - 3. Preaching the truth, and making known the mind and ways of God.

- III. To walk as He walked is to seek FIRST the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- A. Lay up treasures in heaven, and not on earth.

Matthew 10:41-42 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

1. Labor to be able to give - not to be rich.

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

2. Seek not earth's treasures or pleasures.

Romans 15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

3. Jesus did not get caught up in the cares of life here on earth.

Matthew 8:24-27 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, **Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?** Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

- B. Recognize the difference between the temporal and the eternal and invest accordingly.

John 3:6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

1. Of our time, our money, our thoughts, and all our energy.
2. Set your affections on things above, and not on things on the earth.
3. Jesus never looked at life here as anything but temporary with a limited amount of time to be spent – so He spent it well.

- C. Be concerned FIRST about the work of God, and put all of our being into it.

1. COMMIT ourselves to God's work – individually and as part of a church family.
2. Offer ourselves a LIVING sacrifice, holy and acceptable.
3. Care about the same things that God cares about.

- D. Be content in God's service.

1 Timothy 6:6 **But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

1. With the things He gives us.
2. With where He has put us to live and work and be.
3. Be satisfied with his choices for us.
4. With whatever He might allow to come our way.
5. With wherever He might lead us.

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