

TEXT- Hebrews 11:5-6 *By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

INTRO-

Gen 5:21-29 *And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. 25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech: 26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters: 27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died. 28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: 29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.*

In a wicked age, Enoch lived a dedicated life; he did this by trusting God's Word. He believed that God would reward him for his faith, and God did so by taking him to heaven so that he did not die.

Jude 1:14-15 *And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*

INTRO – There are many facets to the Christian life.

The bottom line is we are to walk with God!

- Enoch walked with God - Here is a picture of the rapture.
- Noah walked with God - Here is a picture of the tribulation saints
- Enoch was born 308 years before Adam died.
- Lamech was born 56 years before the death of Adam
- Noah was born 126 years after the death of Noah Adam
- Methuselah was born to Enoch 243 years before the death of Adam
- Enoch saw the coming judgment by faith

He preached against the godlessness of his day.

Contrast him to Lamech – descendant of Cain.

Enoch was godly and was translated that he would not see death.

Elijah is the only other man translated.

Christians are expected to walk with God!

Col 2:6 *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk ye in him*

Abraham Gen 24:40 *And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:*

Isaac and Joseph Gen 48:15 *And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,*

David 1 Ki 9:4 *And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:*

Are we walking with God? If we are walking with God we will:

I. PLEASE HIM Rom 15:3 *For even Christ pleased not himself;*

1 Jn. 3:22 . . . *and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

Who do you most want to please? Yourself? Friends? Parents? Spouse?

Employer? Co-worker? Pastor?

Col 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;*

1 Th 4:1 *as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God*

1 Th 2:4 *But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts*

If we are going to please God then we must:

A. Live by faith

2 Co 5:7 *(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

Heb. 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

- Missionaries and church planters go to a field by faith.

- Students go to Bible College by faith

B. Being fruitful

Col 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;*

John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

Our fruit is directly related to our relationship with God.

Bible reading and prayer are the two primary means to communicate with God. How is your Bible reading? Your prayers?

C. Obey His commands

1 Jn 3:22 *And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

We must have a commitment to live by the Word of God!

We cannot succeed with a rebellious and unsundered life.

1 Sa 15:22 *And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.*

II. FEAR HIM

Deu 8:6 *Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.*

Prov 3:7 *Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.*

The fear of God is sadly missing in our day.

Pro 1:7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

People live together with no thought of the law of God.

Cursing is common place

Sexual perversion is everywhere

Men seek benefits that they do not deserve

The Lord's Day is desecrated

Act 5:11 *And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.*

A. We must recognize the coming judgment

Heb 10:31 *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Rom 7:13 *Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.*

B. We must visualize a holy God

Isa 6:1-5 *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it . . .*

C. We must humble ourselves before Him

Pro 22:4 *By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.*

We have a minimum Christianity – An unholy coldness

III. CHASTENED BY HIM

John 15:2 *Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*

Heb 12:5-6 *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

We cannot change some things without the chastening hand of God

Rom 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

It is the troubles of life that cause us to pause and recognize our frailties.

IV. WE NEED INTEGRITY

Rom 13:13 *Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*

1 Ki 9:4 *And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:*

Prov 19:1 *Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.*

CONCL - If we walk with God we will not have any problems walking with others.

1 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 his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

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