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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Naaman (2 Kings 5:1)
2. Julius (Acts 27:1-3)
3. Nebuchadnezzar (2 Kings 25:8)
4. Hananiah (Nehemiah 7:2)
5. Sisera (Judges 4:2)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Harper Flores
Announcements: Tyler Blazek
Encouragement Talk: Josh Emerson
Opening Prayer: Robert McCorkle
Scripture Reading: Lester Mabry
Colossians 1:1-8
Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Table Talk: Jacob McAdams
Contribution: Todd McAdams
Helper: Kyle Crain
Fruit of Vine: Ryan Haarmann
Helper: Chris Beard
Helper: Kevin Buckner
Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Sunday Afternoons

June 4 4PM Devotionals (Men, Women, Youth)
June 11 4PM Parenting Class; Children's Drill Class
June 18 Nothing
June 25 5PM Worship - singing, member preach

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Speaker: Jacob McAdams



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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The Christian Walk

*“The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked”
(1 John 2:6).*

The concept of how we “walk” refers figuratively to how we live – our behavior and conduct. Many believe and live as if God does not care how we live after we have obeyed the gospel. They wrongly contend we have been saved when baptized into Christ and therefore we can never be lost. Therefore, they wrongly argue, it does not matter if we sin. Scripture is very clear that a Christian can sin so as to be eternally lost. Hebrews 10:26 plainly says *“if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.”* As a Christian we must walk in a way that pleases God. *“We walk according to His commandments”* (2 John 1:6). The book of Ephesians has many things in it that helps us learn how we are to walk.

Ephesians 4:1-3 *“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”* “Worthy” means “appropriately” (Strong’s Concordance). Just from this it is easy to see there is a walk that is not appropriate. We have been called by God through the gospel to enter into fellowship with Him and to be His child. 1 John 2:6 says, we are to *“walk in the same manner as He walked.”* Our walk mimics and reflects the character of God and His Son. Our life should display humility (not pride), gentleness (not harshness), patience and tolerance. All of this toward brethren is done in love for one another, because we are all children of God. This appropriate/worthy walk helps ensure the unity of the saints. *“Walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory”* (1 Thessalonians 2:12).

Ephesians 4:17 *“walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind.”* The “Gentiles” is a word used figuratively about those who are not Christians. After we have obeyed the gospel we must change our walk. The passage continues in describing the Gentiles walk and we understand this is not how we are to walk. They are *“darkened in their understanding”* and in *“ignorance”* because of the *“hardness of their heart”* (Ephesians 4:18). We must be diligent to learn and understand God’s word. They have *“given themselves over*

to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness” (Ephesians 4:19). The Christian cannot walk in sin fulfilling the lusts and satisfying our senses. “*You did not learn Christ in this way*” (Ephesians 4:20). Nothing in Christ’s example or teaching says we should walk like the Gentiles. Just the opposite, we are to “*lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth*” (Ephesians 4:22-24). “*Walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh*” (Galatians 5:16). “*No one who is born of God practices sin*” (1 John 3:9).

Ephesians 5:2 “*walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.*” See again how we are to follow the example of Christ. His example of love is in giving Himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Our walk (our behavior and conduct) must be in love. If it is not, then we have not learned from Christ and are walking as the Gentiles. “*For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps*” (1 Peter 2:21). The love of Christ led to His suffering. We should not stop loving because of suffering and persecution. We are to follow in His steps, and “*walk in the same manner as He walked*” (1 John 2:6). An application of the love of Christ which we are to imitate is given in passages about our love for fellow Christians. “*This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us*” (1 John 3:23). “*If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also*” (1 John 4:20-21). If I hate my brother I am not walking in Love as Christ did.

Ephesians 5:8-10 “*you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.*” Again, we are taught that our walk must change when we become a Christian. Our status changes when we are baptized into Christ, we become “*Light in the Lord*” (no longer “darkness”). The “*fruit of the Light*” speaks of what we produce. How we walk. Goodness, righteousness and truth are part of our life and walk. These all come from God and are learned from God. A large part of our walk is about “trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.” Trying to learn what God says is

Know Your Bible

Military

1. What leper was a commander of the Syrian troops?
2. What Roman soldier treated Paul kindly on his voyage to Rome?
3. What foreign King had Nebuzaradan as commander of his troops?
4. Who was commander of the Israelites under Moses?
5. What Canaanite commander was killed by Jael?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



good, right, and true. If we know these things, we will be able to recognize what is bad, wrong, and false – things in which we cannot walk. “*Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight*” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Ephesians 5:15-17 “*be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*” The apostle Paul repeats several truths in Ephesians to emphasize what we need to learn. We need to “*understand what the will of the Lord is.*” It is the only way we can learn how to walk in a “*worthy manner*” (Ephesians 4:1). The attitude and behavior of the Christian should demonstrate wisdom in trying to learn God’s will. “*Making the most of your time*” is about not being lazy, not ignoring opportunities to learn, and being zealous about learning God’s will. So our walk will include reading the Bible, studying the Bible (alone and with others), habitually attending worship assemblies, attending gospel meetings, and attentively listening to those who have been Christians longer than we have and who are mature in Christ. This is how we are “careful” in our walk. We cannot assume our walk is good, right, and true. We must know that it is.

Ephesians 2:10 “*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*” We are God’s “*workmanship.*” We are the result of God’s work. He has created us in Christ Jesus. It is God’s choice that we be forgiven in Christ, “*created in righteousness and holiness of the truth*” (Ephesians 4:24). God created us “*for good works*” (Ephesians 2:10). After obedience to the gospel in baptism, many Christians work very hard to remove all sin from their life. This is right, necessary and good. But many Christians fail to move on to begin doing the things God says we are to do. God tells us what a lot of good works are, and says we are to “*walk in them*” (Ephesians 2:10). If I am “*trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord*” (Ephesians 5:10), and to “*understand what the will of the Lord is*” (Ephesians 5:17), it is not difficult to understand I am to walk in good works. If I do not walk in good works, I have failed to please God. We are to “*walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God*” (Colossians 1:10-12).

Romans 6:4 “*Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*” How we conduct ourselves as a Christian matters to God, and should matter to us. Our behavior in this life must change when we become a Christian. Our behavior must not revert back to walking in sin. Our behavior must imitate Christ. Life in Christ demands a new walk.

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