

Col 2:6-7 – As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk in Him**, 7 rooted & built up in Him & established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

1. In our text, what does the word “walk” mean?

“Walk” – peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh’-o): a compound word meaning *to tread all around* – figuratively, *to live, deport oneself, follow*.

Vines – signifying the whole round of the activities of the individual life.

{Clarke states that too much attention may be given to the adverb “As” & the inserted word “so”, which may cause us to lose the meaning.}

Clarke – “Seeing ye have embraced the doctrine of Christ, continue to hold it fast, & not permit yourselves to be turned aside by human philosophy or Judaizing teachers.”

2. Does Satan have a walk (1 Pet 5:8)?

1 Pet 5:5-9 – Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, & be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour**. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

He “treads all around” looking for spiritual prey. He has particular success:

- 1) When we do not submit to one another
- 2) When we are not clothed with humility
- 3) When we worry over matters that we cannot change
- 4) When we are not serious & watchful for him
- 5) When we don’t resist him with a steadfast faith in God

3. What must first take place before one may walk in Christ (cf. Rom 6:3-4)?

Rom 6:3-4 – Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore ***we were buried with Him through baptism into death***, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should ***walk in newness of life***.

What is the fullest meaning of one's burial with Christ?

- 1) There is an immersion in water, which the words baptism & burial suggests
- 2) There is a decision to die to one thing & live to another (**Rom 6:11; 5-13**)

4. Comment on the walk of a Christian from the following passages in their context?

a. Romans 13:13 – “***A proper walk***”

Rom 13:8-14 – Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” & if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. 11 **AND DO THIS [love your neighbor as yourself]** knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, & let us put on the armor of light. 13 ***Let us walk properly [honorably, decently, honestly]***, as in the day, not in revelry & drunkenness, not in lewdness & lust, not in strife & envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, & make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

How does Paul describe “a proper walk”?

To put on the armor of light – To put on the Lord Jesus Christ – To give the flesh no opportunity to fulfill its lusts – To actively seek the good will of one's neighbor.

b. 2 Corinthians 4:2 – “A **crafty** or **deceitful** walk” contrasted to
“A **commendable** walk”

2 Cor 4:1-2 – Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, ***not walking in craftiness*** nor handling the word of God deceitfully, ***but by manifestation of the truth*** commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.

What must one do to accomplish the commendable walk?

“Renounce the hidden things of shame”

“Those things which wicked men do; & which they are ashamed to have known (Clarke).

“The word [“Renounce”] means to speak out; to refuse or deny; to forbid. Here it means, to disown; to spurn, or scorn with aversion (Barnes).

What might a false teacher be ashamed to have others know?

- 1) Their motives or true intentions
- 2) Their secretive methods

c. 2 Corinthians 5:7 – “A **faithful** walk”

2 Cor 5:6-8 – So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For ***we walk by faith***, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body & to be present with the Lord.

How does a Christian walk by faith?

Since faith comes by hearing the word of God, then putting our trust in His word will enable us to walk by faith.

In this text, it is only by faith that we can live with the hope of being present with the Lord when we leave this body.

d. Galatians 5:16 – “A spiritual walk”

Gal 5:13-18 – For you, brethren, have been called to liberty [**you are not subject to the old law**]; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 But if you bite & devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! 16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, & you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, & the Spirit against the flesh; & these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

e. Ephesians 4:1 – “A worthy walk”

Eph 4:1-5 – I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to **walk worthy of the calling with which you were called**, 2 with all lowliness & gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body & one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God & Father of all, who is above all, & through all, & in you all.

f. Ephesians 5:2 – “A walk in love”

Eph 4:25-32 – Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. 26 “Be angry, & do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, & evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Eph 5:1-2 – Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And **walk in love, as Christ also has loved us** & given Himself for us, an offering & a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

g. Ephesians 5:15 – “A circumspect walk”

Eph 5:15-16 – See then that you **walk circumspectly** [accurately, precision, straight – see context 4:6], not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

h. Philippians 3:18 – “A patterned walk”

Phil 3:17-18 – Brethren, **join in following my example**, & **note those who so walk**, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For **many walk**, of whom I have told you often, & now tell you even weeping, that they are **the enemies of the cross of Christ**. 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, & whose glory is in their shame -- who set their mind on earthly things.

i. Colossians 4:5 – “A wise walk”

Col 4:5-6 – **Walk in wisdom** toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

The Christians' speech will both exemplify & recommend Christ to others.

Our speech is not only holy, but wise, gracious, & intelligent.

A harsh method of proposing or defending the word of Christ will only repel men from those doctrines, & from the way of salvation.

Salt, from its use in preserving food from corruption, & rendering it both savory & wholesome, has always been made the emblem of wisdom. (Clarke)

j. 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – “An orderly or disorderly walk”

2 Thess 3:6-12 – But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who **walks disorderly** & not according to the tradition which he received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; 8 nor did we eat anyone’s bread free of charge, but worked with labor & toil night & day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, 9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. 11 For we hear that **there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner**, not working at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are such we command & exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness & eat their own bread.

k. 1 John 1:7 – “A walk in darkness or light”

1 John 1:5-10 – This is the message which we have heard from Him & declare to you, that God is light & in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, & **walk in darkness**, we lie & do not practice the truth. 7 But if we **walk in the light** as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, & the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, & the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just to forgive us our sins & to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, & His word is not in us.

l. 2 John 4 – “A walk in truth”

2 John 4-6 – I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children **walking in truth**, as we received commandment from the Father. 5 And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another

m. 2 John 6 – “An obedient walk”

2 John 6 – This is love, that we *walk according to His commandments*. This is the commandment [*love one another*], that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.