

AFTER SALVATION... WHAT? "FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST"

Colossians 2:6

6 **Therefore just as you have received the Christ, Jesus, the Lord (Therefore just as you have received once and for all Christ Jesus, the Lord as your savior)**

Therefore: The grounds for this exhortation starts in
1 Colossians 1:13 thru 2:5

1 Colossians 1:13-29

13 The Incomparable Christ

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His Beloved Son,

14 **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

15 **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

16 **For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

17 **He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.**

18 **He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.**

- 19 **For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,**
- 20 **and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.**
- 21 **And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds,**
- 22 **yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—**
- 23 **if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.**
- 24 **Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.**
- 25 **Of *this church*, I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the *preaching of* the word of God,**
- 26 ***that is*, the mystery which has been hidden from the *past* ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,**
- 27 **to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**
- 28 **We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.**

29 **For this purpose, also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me**

1 Colossians 2:1-5

1 **You Are Built Up in Christ**

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face,

2 **that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is, Christ Himself,***

3 **in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

4 **I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument.**

5 **For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.**

6 **Therefore, just as you have received once and for all the divinely anointed one, that is Jesus, The Lord**

And how did we receive JESUS CHRIST as Savior?

By Faith Alone in Christ Alone.

Walk in Him (keep on walking in Him) the Greek word means to

walk and is used to indicate –to live

...**Live in Him; keep walking in Him; keep living in Him**

What does it mean to live in Him?

It means to live—walk worthy of Him; to please Him (1:10)

I think Paul put it best: **For me to live is Christ**

or Galatians 2:20

20 **I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.**

or 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

14 **For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;**

15 **and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf**

or Romans 14:7-9

7 **For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself**

8 **for if we live we live for the Lord, or if we die we die for the Lord; therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.**

9 **For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living**

or Philippians 1:21

21 **For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain**

**READ THESE VERSES OVER AND OVER UNTIL THEY BECOME YOUR VERSES!
UNTIL YOU REACH THE POINT WHERE TO LIVE IS CHRIST!!!**

You can tell what some people live for: some for their work, for politics, some for their college-football team; some for their family, etc.

Their money, their time, their joys and their sadness all related to these things they live for.

But for Paul, he lived for Christ.

His work, his friends, his time was all for Christ.

Question:

For Whom do you Live?

Let us take a look at **‘walking in the Lord’ or ‘living in the Lord.’**

- 1- The word **‘to walk’** is a **most applicable** word for living a life pleasing to God. While **‘running’** is often used for acceleration of Christian growth, no one **‘runs’** all the time. Just as walking requires one step at a time, so living each day worthy of the Lord requires living one volitional decision at a time.

-2- Let us develop the analogy of this word from the standpoint of the **mechanics** of walking.

Whether you are aware of it, your body is off-balance for a second until you put your foot down and forward —and as you put your foot forward and down you move forward on balance.

As we walk each day in the **ANGELIC CONFLICT** we can most easily become off balance, but **stabilized by continuing to walk by Faith in Holy Spirit and growing in Wisdom and Understanding from the Word of God.**

This also brings up the mechanical point of **momentum**. As we continue to walk in one direction, we build up momentum in walking.

It is most interesting to watch and observe either a baby beginning to walk or someone re-learning to walk after an accident. Not that certain of lifting the foot and planting it and then lifting another, but soon they both learn to develop momentum in walking.

So, it is in the Christian walk, we should desire **momentum** in our walk to please Him. We build this **momentum** by continually walking by Faith and

continually growing in Wisdom and Understanding from the intake of the Word of God.

-3- Here are **four spheres** of the believers walk in walking worthy of the Lord.

A In the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:16.

B By Faith 2 Corinthians 5:7

for we walk by faith, not by sight

This one is most interesting, for when we physically walk we walk by sight, but **spiritually we walk by Faith –by means of Faith in Holy Spirit.**

C We walk in Truth, that is we walk in the Knowledge of the Word of God as seen in 2 John 4.

I was very glad to find some not all believers walk in the truth of the Word of God **of your children walking in truth**

D We are to walk in *Spiritual Love*.

Ephesians 5:1-2.

> So we are to walk

> in the Holy Spirit; in Truth;

> in Spiritual Love and by Faith;

It is impossible to walk worthy of the Lord or to walk so as to please Him without walking by Faith in the Holy Spirit

Colossians 2:6 **Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.**

- 4- Walking, therefore, is a description of the Filling of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:2-4
- 5- There are some **strong warnings** concerning how we walk as Christians:
Ephesians 5:15
Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise

Question: **How does a wise man walk?**

By the Power of Holy Spirit, guided by doctrine in his soul.

1 John 1:6

If we say/claim that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

What about *walking in darkness*?

John 12:35

So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you. (That is Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.) Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.”

I am afraid that the epitaph of many Christians will read *he never knew where he was going!*

Also: John 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

Another warning: Revelation 16:15

(“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.”)

Another warning that is often overlooked when studying the Christian walk.

2 Corinthians 10:3

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,

The point here is that we are prone to war-battle in the Angelic Conflict according to how we war in the physical world, training and disciplining the flesh.

But as this passage teaches us, we do not fight in the Spiritual, invisible conflict by the flesh.

How then do we fight?

2 Corinthians 10:4

for the weapons of our warfare (spiritual and invisible) **are not of the flesh,** (visible) **but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.** Built up against us.

Against your growth in Wisdom and Knowledge and Understanding of the Word of God;
against your marriage,
against your happiness,
against walking to please Him.

So, we are not to walk as unwise, but as wise, that is, by wisdom from the Word of God;
not to walk in darkness –that is not to walk in life outside of our position in Christ and
not walk about naked of our position in Christ.
We are not to **fight in** Angelic Conflict **as we walk in flesh.**

- 6- There are many descriptions in God’s Word of how a believer should walk, or describing how a wise Christian will walk...live his/her life:
- (1) Walking worthy of the Lord. Colossians 1:10;
Ephesians 4:1
 - (2) Walking to please the Lord. Colossians 1:10
 - (3) Walking in the Newness of life. Romans 6:4
 - (4) Walking worthy of your calling into Christ.
Ephesians 4:1
 - (5) Walking in good works Ephesians 2:10

We will study more on 'good works' as we study more on standing before the Judgment Seat of Christ

-7- Below are some points on walking in a manner that is worthy of the Lord. Let us just look briefly at some passages from the Old Testament.

(1) Living by Faith

Isaiah 40:31

**Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength;
They will mount up *with* wings like eagles.
They will run and not get tired.
They will walk and not become weary.**

The Hebrew word translated ***to wait*** is one of the strong words for Faith...

**those who trust in the Lord...
will walk and not become weary,
no matter what you have walk over or through**

(2) Warnings from the Old Testament

Psalms 1:1

**How blessed is the man who does not walk in
the counsel of the wicked, (anti-God, anti-God's Word,
anti-God's Son, Jesus the Christ.
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!**

Isaiah 65:2

**"I have spread out My hands all day long to a
rebellious people, Who walk in the way which is not good,
following their own thoughts,"** living by the desires of the
flesh verses living by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

(3) Confidence of walking with the Lord:

Isaiah 43:2

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire,” (severe testing and judgment) **you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.**

(4) The love of God calls for us to walk in a manner that pleases Him:

Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the LORD, “Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, His Word Where the good way is, and walk in it; And result you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk *in it.*’

Jeremiah 6:17

“And I set watchmen over you, *saying,* ‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet!’ But they said, ‘We will not listen.’

Verse 19...**I am bringing disaster on this people.
Wake up America!!**

- (5) Unfortunately,
sometimes it is not wise to walk as your parents walked:

Ezekiel 20:18

**“I said to their children in the wilderness,
‘Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers or keep their ordinances or defile yourselves with their idols.”**

2 Kings 21:21

For he walked in all the way that his father had walked, and served the idols that his father had served and worshiped them.

2 Kings 21:22

So (as a result of walking as his father walked) he forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

But sometimes parents live in a wisdom that you should follow:

1 Samuel 8:3

His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice.

In conclusion, the Biblical concept of **Walking** covers every area of your life, every decision you make:

If single:

- Your involvement with others and Why,
- Which college,
- Job,
- Where to live,
- Why marry this person?
- Decisions you make as to whom you will marry and why?
- Where you go to church and why?
- Financial decisions you make and why?
- What you do with your money?
- Moral decisions you make.

On and on, **Walk** covers every day in your life—

—now notice two directions of our **Walk** as Christians

1 Colossians 1:10

10 **to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects,**

To walk (Aorist Infinitive of result; followed by an adverb)
worthily, suitably, properly of the Lord

- (1) Every person who has believed in JESUS CHRIST as Savior is IN THE LORD, you are born into THE FAMILY OF GOD by your second birth, spiritual birth, being born from above.

- (2) But now the issue is that while here on earth we live according to being in Him. That we live in such a way that is suitable to our position in Christ.

Unfortunately, this is not that natural or easy to understand. Many families here in America, do not demand that their children live in such a way as to honor that family.

Many excuse or deny or try to hide improper behavior.

But we must remember that we now represent JESUS CHRIST to the world. He is absent, He is not here, He is sitting at right hand of God at the throne of God, so you are how people will know JESUS CHRIST.

- (3) To walk, live worthy or suitable to JESUS CHRIST means that we are to live according to the perfect righteousness of JESUS CHRIST. These means we live corresponding to the essence of JESUS CHRIST, that is His +R. (Perfect Righteousness)
- (4) To walk, live worthy of the Lord means you have **to know** His essence, that is we have to know His +R, and the only place we can learn about His +R (Perfect Righteousness) is from the Word of God.

- (5) This comes from *SPIRITUAL WISDOM and SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING* mentioned in verse 9.

Biblical **Wisdom** and **Understanding** will guide you in the Power of the Holy Spirit to make choices that are fitting to your POSITION IN CHRIST.

How we live, how you live, the choices you make in life indicate the wisdom or lack thereof.

Understanding what choosing “this way or that way” will result in your life.

- (6) **To walk/live in a manner worthy of the Lord** (is also translated) **that honors the Lord, (or) as those in the Lord should conduct themselves.**

First, we are to walk in a manner that is suitable to our position in Christ, but also we are to walk in a manner that is **pleasing to Him in all respects.**

Two points I do not want you to miss:

- 1st We are to live, make daily choices that are pleasing to the Lord not that are pleasing to us.
- 2nd **in all respects** (not some...) but in every aspect of our lives.
Col. 2:6 **walk in Him**

To please Him in all respects

(1) Here you have it!
Here in one short phrase is the one guide you have in your life:
to please Jesus Christ

(2) Problem:
To please JESUS CHRIST, you have to know JESUS CHRIST
and to know JESUS CHRIST you have to spend time daily
in His word. That is right—daily!

Oh, I know, unfortunately we have only 3 services a week
but you have the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, you can go
over things we study in class, you can read the Bible.

Many Christians are like people in the world, they do not
know the other person, even their husbands and wives, so
they give them gifts they like, they make decisions that
please them and then expect the other person to like these
gifts or decisions and even become upset when the other
person does not appreciate them.

People, to give a gift, to make decisions that please
someone else you have to know them and think of them in
your decisions.

'I spent \$30,000 on a swimming pool for you....

reply: "thanks a lot, I neither swim nor sun bath"

What would this person like?

What does this person need?

You have to know and think of another person to please them.

(3) **First** you have to know JESUS CHRIST to please Him, and this can be accomplished through the study of the Word of God

Second you have to desire to please Him. This desire comes from the power of God the HOLY SPIRIT—being Filled with the HOLY SPIRIT.

Third and important **Sacrifice**

Often to please someone else will require sacrifice on your part. Are you ready to sacrifice to please JESUS CHRIST?

Often people do not mind sacrifice of money, just don't ask them to sacrifice time! On the other hand, others have time but do not ask them to sacrifice money, etc.

**Are you ready to sacrifice a self-pleasing life
to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord?**

(4) Love! To live your life to please the Lord you must Love the Lord. To Love the Lord requires two things:

first the Filling of the HOLY SPIRIT for the love God is looking for is a fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT. So, you have to know how to be Filled with the HOLY SPIRIT—by Faith through Grace, that is by Faith in the HOLY SPIRIT.

Second: Knowing JESUS CHRIST.

This requires growing in the knowledge of JESUS CHRIST by continually abiding in His Word in HOLY SPIRIT. When you truly love someone, you desire to please them.

To please Him in all respects many people speed read past **all**. **Yet**, pleasing Christ includes all areas of your life.

- (1) To walk/live worthy of the Lord is to know Word of God.
- (2) To walk/live worthy of the Lord is to know Word of God.
- (3) To walk pleasing to the Lord is to know the Lord.
- (4) Both of these are impossible without the Filling of the Holy Spirit.
- (5) To please Him in every aspect of your life: Spiritual, marriage, church, social, work, money, time, family, friends etc.

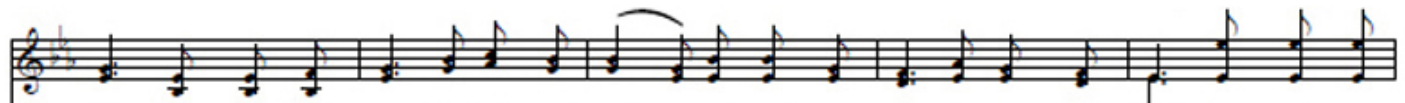
The Love of God

Frederick Martin Lehman, 1917

Claudia Lehman Mays



1. The love of God is great-er far Than tongue or pen can ev - er
2. When earth - ly time shall pass a - way And earth - ly thrones and king - doms
3. Could we with ink the o - cean fill, And were the skies of parch - ment



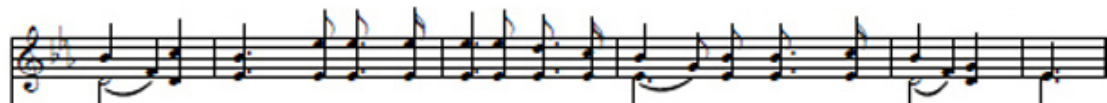
tell; LOVE goes be - yond the high-est star, And reach-es to the low - est hell; The guilt - y
fail, when men who here re-fuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call. GOD'S LOVE SO
made, Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade. TO WRITE THE;



PAIR, BOWED DOWN WITH CARE, GOD GAVE HIS SON TO WIN; HIS ERR-ING CHIID HE RE - CON-
SURE, SHALL STILL EN-DURE, ALL MEAS-URE-LESS AND STRONG; RE-DEEM-ING GRACE TO ADAM'S
LOVE OF GOD A-BOVE WOULD DRAIN THE O-CEAN DRY; NOT COULD THE SCROLL CONTAIN THE



CEILED, AND PAR - DONED FROM HIS SIN. Oh, Love of God, how rich and pure! How meas-ure-
RACE THE SAINTS' AND AN - GELS' SONG. Oh, Love of God, how rich and pure! How meas-ure-
WHOLE, THOUGH STRETCHED FROM SKY TO SKY, Oh, Love of God, how rich and pure! How meas-ure-



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Congregation Join in singing with James after the first verse:

**The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
LOVE goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;**
THE GUILTY PAIR, BOWED DOWN WITH CARE,
GOD GAVE HIS SON TO WIN;
HIS ERRING CHILD HE RECONCILED,
AND PARDONED FROM HIS SIN.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

**When earthly time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
GOD'S LOVE SO SURE, SHALL STILL ENDURE,
ALL MEASURELESS AND STRONG;
REDEEMING GRACE TO ADAM'S RACE—
THE SAINTS' AND ANGELS' SONG.**

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

**Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
TO WRITE THE LOVE OF GOD ABOVE
WOULD DRAIN THE OCEAN DRY;
NOR COULD THE SCROLL CONTAIN THE WHOLE,
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