

A STEADFAST WALK

COLOSSIANS 2:1-10

Text: Colossians 2:5-6

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⁵ For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. ⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so walk* ye in him:

Introduction:

This is a wonderful, wonderful passage of Scripture.

This scripture is teaching us is how to live victoriously in the Christian life.

The Christian life is not so high that you can reach it; it's so low that you get down to it.

Psalm 116:6

⁶ The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

An ordinary person, surrendered to the Lord, can understand how to live the victorious life. You don't have to have a Ph.D.; you don't have to learn the Greek and the Hebrew to learn what we're going to learn.

Somebody said, about the Bible, “The Bible is such a wonderful book. It is shallow enough that a little child can come and get a drink without fear of drowning, and so deep that the scholars can swim in it and never touch bottom.” I love that. That is so true about the Bible.

(Read Passage)

Notice as we consider a “Steadfast Walk”

1. THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE WALK (vs. 6)

Colossians 2:6

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

Notice he doesn’t say walk after Him, but rather “walk In Him.”

Illustration:

If I said to you, “Walk in this building,” where are you to walk; in this building.

The parameters of this building are to contain your walk. This building would be the boundaries—the circumference—of your walk.

Now, you're told to walk in Him.

Now, the natural man says, "I don't like that. I don't want to be hemmed in.

Are you just telling me that this is all there is to it? How dull that would be!

You might be saying I want more, and of so it's because you don't understand verses 2 and 3.

Colossians 2:2-3

²That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; ³In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

There is nothing worth having, outside of Jesus— nothing worth having.

You can have a house; you can have a car; you can have your clothes; you can have all of these things. But all of these things simply are things that are a subset of knowing the Lord Jesus. That is, if Jesus allows you to have them, if they're a gift that He gives to you, that's fine. But, if you have to go outside of Jesus to get any of these things, if you have to transgress the law of God to have something else, then, friend, you don't need it; you don't have to have it.

Everything that you need He will supply.

Philippians 4:19

¹⁹ But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2. THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WALK

You begin a walk by taking the first step.

How do you start the walk?

You receive Jesus Christ. Walking begins with a step.

What is the first step to walk in Him is to receive Christ Jesus as your Saviour.

Note:

A. Salvation is Not a Creed

Some have received a creed. You're not saved by a creed. You say, "Well, I know the plan of salvation." Well, wonderful. You can know the plan of salvation and go to Hell. You're not saved by the plan of salvation; you're saved by the Man of salvation—not a creed.

B. Salvation is Not a Code

Some say, “Well, I live right. I obey the rules of the Bible.” Well, you may just be a Pharisee on your road to Hell. “Well,” you say, “I serve the Lord.” Well, salvation’s not a creed; it’s not a code.

C. Salvation is Not a Cause

You can work yourself to death in the church. Jesus said, “Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

What you call wonderful works, He called “iniquity”: “Depart from me, ye that work iniquity. I never knew you.” These are not people that had salvation and lost it; they never had it.

D. Salvation is Not a Church

What is salvation? It’s not a creed; it’s not a code; it’s not a cause; it’s not a church. You say, “Well, I’m a member of Temple Baptist Church, and Temple Baptist Church is a Bible-believing church; and, I was baptized into the fellowship of that church.” You’re still not saved. That won’t save you. It’s not a church; it’s not a

cause; not a code; not a creed. “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord...” (Colossians 2:6).

And, I’m afraid that our churches are crammed with people who can relate to programs; they can relate to music; they can relate to activities; they can relate to social ability; they can relate to all of these things. But the commencement of the walk—to live victoriously—is to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord.

3. THE CHARACTER OF THE WALK

When you walk in Him—that means that Christ is the Lord, and He demands—deserves—absolute control of your life.

When you walk in the Lord, you’re under new management.

Notice:

Colossians 1:10

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 John 2:6

⁶ He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

If I’m walking in Him, my life is to manifest the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You ought to be able to see Jesus in me. I ought to be able to see Jesus in you. The character of the Lord Jesus Christ is the character of our walk. We walk in the Lord. “As you receive Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him” (Colossians 2:6). To walk in the Spirit is to walk in the Lord; it is to be like the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. THE CONTINUATION OF THE WALK

I want you to notice the continuation of the walk.

The word “walk”, literally means “to keep on walking.”

We said that a walk— there must be a commencement, but that’s only one step. You have to keep on walking. Now, you’re not saved because you keep on walking; you keep on walking because you’re saved. There is a continuation of walking in the Lord.

What is walking? It is a series of steps.

What does it mean, therefore, to walk?” Well, we know what it means to walk, because he says this, in verse 6.

Colossians 2:6

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

How did you receive Jesus; By repentance and faith.

Isn't that how you received Jesus—by repentance and faith? How do you walk?

You walk in repentance and faith. You repent of your sin and put your faith in Jesus. Those are your first two steps—repentance and faith.

That's how you receive the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, how do you walk? You walk exactly the way you receive Jesus.

The way to live the Christian life is the way you got the Christian life. How did you receive the Christian life? By repentance and faith.

How do you walk the Christian life?

By repentance and faith; that's all walking is—just repentance and faith, repentance and faith, repentance and faith, repentance and faith.

2 Corinthians 5:7

⁷(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Close:

Is Jesus Christ real to you? Do you honestly believe that, not only is He necessary, but do you really believe He is enough, that in Him you are complete, that all of the treasures are hidden in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that, if you walk in Him, you will progressively discover—uncover and discover—these wonderful treasures?