

Walking in Salvation

1. Introduction

- a. When we are saved by the gospel of the grace of God and learn how to rightly divide the Bible there are many questions that we have.
- b. A popular question is now that I am saved, what does it look like to walk as a Christian?
- c. This is a difficult question to ask ourselves because we have some sort of flawed understanding that has been engrained in our flesh. Once we learn right division, we can suddenly realize that we have a lot wrong and this can be a scary place to be.
- d. There is much confusion about what the Christian “walk” is.
 - i. Simply be good?
 - ii. Relationship?
- e. Before we can know how to walk as Christians, we need to know that there is a natural way of walking in our flesh. It begins with what we are thinking in our mind, and what we purpose in our heart. This springs forth our actions.
 - i. Mind = understanding, thoughts
 - ii. Heart = affections, desires
 - iii. Walk = mind + heart
 - iv. Service = action
- f. While we walk in the flesh on earth our minds and hearts are full of error
(Ephesians 4:17-19)
- g. Jeremiah 17:9 – “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked...”
- h. To begin changing our minds and hearts we need the right perspective. We are sinners and the word of God is true above all else **(Psalm 138:2; Psalm 12:6-7)**
 - i. God’s word will only work in you if you believe **(1 Thessalonians 2:13)**
 - ii. God’s word able to make us wise unto salvation **(2 Timothy 3:15)**
- i. At the same time we must rightly divide the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - i. Paul is the apostle to the church, the body of Christ and our instructions are found in his epistles alone (Ephesians 3:1-12)
- j. The Apostle Paul teaches us how to walk according to the mystery of Christ **(Romans 8:1-4)**
- k. Two options -> walk after the flesh or walk after the Spirit

2. Walking after the flesh

- a. **(Romans 5:12)** Born in sin and destined for death

- b. (Romans 8:1-4; **Romans 2:5-11**) God's judgement awaits and there is condemnation in our flesh/Children of wrath
 - c. (Romans 1:24-32; **Romans 3:10-12**) Unrighteous
 - d. (**Ephesians 2:11-12**) Far from God
 - e. (**Titus 3:3**) Your will is purposed in vanity and lusts
3. Walking after the Spirit
- a. How do we get the Spirit? (**Ephesians 1:13-14**)
 - i. The Spirit baptizes you into Christ (**1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 6:3-4**)
 - ii. We have been blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3)
 - b. (**Ephesians 1:7**) Redemption in Christ (Redemption = To be delivered)
 - c. (**Romans 6:5; Romans 6:23**) Resurrection and eternal life in Christ
 - d. (**Romans 3:1-21-24; Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:27**) justification, peace & hope in glory
 - e. (**Romans 5:17-21; 2 Corinthians 5:21**) Righteousness
 - f. (**Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18**) Reconciliation in Christ
 - g. (**Ephesians 5:15-17; 1 Timothy 2:4**) God's will and purpose
 - i. You are no longer your own (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**)
4. Walking in Salvation by the Cross
- a. At its core, walking after the Spirit is you walking in the understanding of your salvation by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The intention is for salvation to work in you and out of you (**Philippians 2:12-13**)
 - b. Our minds and hearts need changed to conform to God's word (**Romans 12:2; Colossians 3:1-4**)
 - c. (**Philippians 4:8**) Think on these things
 - d. (**Ephesians 4:22-24; Romans 6:11**) In our walk we must put off the old man, put on the new man and walk in salvation
 - e. Walk with the understanding of newness of life in Christ and the grace of God in your heart