

The New Way of Living in Christ

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Ephesians 4:1

“I therefore...urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called...”

Urge: (Greek – *parakaleo*) means to exhort or to urge some course of conduct - always looking toward the future. ²

Urge: “To press; to push; to drive; to impel; ... to solicit earnestly. ...”¹

Walk: (Greek – *peripateo*) “... signifying the whole round of activities of the individual life, ...”²

❖ The Christian is to walk in the newness of life!

Romans 6:4 “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, ...”

❖ The Christian is to no longer walk according to the flesh but according to the Holy Spirit!

Romans 8:4 “in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit”?

📖 Galatians 5:16-26

❖ The battle of desires between our flesh and God’s Spirit rage within Christians!

f The desire of every Christian is to do what God wants! The opposing passions within us often sabotage our intent to live for Christ!

1. The desires or works of our flesh are identified in God’s Word.

❖ 15 areas are specifically addressed as natural tendencies

Mark 7:21-22 “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.”

➤ Three areas of sexual sins

➤ Idolatry: “Excessive attachment or veneration for any thing, ...”¹

“A man’s ‘god’ is that for which he lives, for which he is prepared to give his time, his energy, his money, that which stimulates him and rouses him, excites and enthuses him.”

- Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones

➤ Enmity: “... the opposite of friendship; ... unfriendly dispositions ...”¹

➤ Strife: “... contention for superiority; ...”¹

➤ Jealousy: “fear of losing what I have.”

➤ Envy: “desiring what I do not have”

➤ Fits of anger

James 1:19 “for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”

➤ Rivalries; Dissension; Division

Titus 3:10-11 “As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.”

➤ Drunkenness; Orgies: careless, reckless, sensual indulgences

➤ “... and things like these.”

📖 1 Peter 4:1-5 (read)

2. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is identified in God's Word.

❖ The 9 fruits produced in our lives by the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

📖 John 15:7-11

Romans 6:22 "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life."

Philippians 1:9-11 "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

❖ The action Christians take to allow the fruits of the Holy Spirit to develop

Galatians 5:24 "And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

Endnotes:

¹ Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

² Vine, W.E. *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997.

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