

## How we walk before the Lord Pt 3 walk uprightly in truth.

In our previous study we established – (1) Walk before God in truth, righteousness, and in uprightness of heart, (2) Fear God, walk in His ways and serve Him with your whole heart, and (3) Incline your hearts unto God to walk in his ways.

In this study we establish – (1) Walk uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, to do so – i) walk honestly a) put on Christ, b) make not provision for the flesh, and ii) walk in newness of life and (iii) walk charitably.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. Walk uprightly according to the truth of the gospel.

"but when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? (Gal 2:14).

How do we do we walk according to the truth of the gospel? –

#### i) walk honestly

##### a) put on Christ

"Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:13 & 14).

##### b) make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (Rom.13: 14).

#### ii) walk in newness of life

"we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom 6:4).

#### iii) walk charitably

"But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died" (Rom.14: 15).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life.

Rome's first "infallible pope" was the apostle Peter. A man whom –

- i) the Lord said – "Get thee behind me Satan: thou art an offence" (Matt.16: 23), and
- ii) Paul rebuked for not walking uprightly according to the gospel.

Question to think about.

How did Peter offend the Lord?

Our answer from the scriptures.

"For thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men" (Matt. 16: 23). This "old man" trait of Peter came out as a Christian – when he walked not uprightly according to the gospel. – Gal.2: 11 –13 "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation." Therefore, when Peter separated himself from the Gentiles he did not savour the things of God, he did not put on Christ, nor walk in newness of life, nor walk charitably. Let us remember that any one of us can, at any moment exhibit signs of not walking uprightly. So let us purpose to walk according to the truth of the gospel – in honesty, newness of life and in charity, and in doing so we will walk uprightly before God, and savour the things of God not man.