

## How we walk before the Lord Pt4 Walk in Christ and in the Spirit

In our previous study we established – (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. In this study we establish – (i) walk in faith, (ii) walk in love, (iii) walk in truth.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. Walk by faith

“(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)” (2 Cor.5: 7)

Walk in the steps of the faith of father Abraham (Rom 4:12). Whose faith? – Today we live by the faith of Christ – the Son of God (Gal.2:20).

### 2. Walk in love

“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour” (Eph.5: 2), also 2 Jn.1: 6.

### 3. Walk in truth

“For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth” (3 Jn.1: 3).

God has joy when His children walk in truth

“I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father” (2 Jn.1: 4). See also 3 Jn.1: 4.

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life.

Like in many aspects of life there are extremists and in Christianity you have those who have been raised in family/churches where their focus is love and others their focus is truth and faith. But life isn't about extremes its about obedience to the whole of God's word – holy scripture.

Question to think about.

i) What are two common denominators between our points? ii) what is the outcome if a person were to walk by faith, in love and truth?

Our answer from the scriptures.

i) The two common denominators are Christ Jesus the Son of God and the Holy Spirit. We walk in both – i.e. in Christ (Col.2: 6) and in the Spirit (Gal.5: 25).

We walk by the faith of Christ (Gal.2: 20).

The love of God is in Christ Jesus (Rom.8: 39).

Christ is full of grace and truth (Jn.1: 14).

The fruit of the Spirit is made up of faith and love (Gal.5: 22).

And “the fruit of the Spirit is given in all...truth” (Eph.5: 9).

ii) If we walk by faith, in love and in truth the outcome is –

We walk worthy of God, worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called (Eph.4: 1)

We have fellowship with our Father (1Jn.1: 3 & 6)!

Let us walk in the Spirit, in Christ, in love, in truth, and by the faith of Christ! For when we do we have fellowship with God and perhaps experience what it means to walk with God as Enoch and Noah walked with Him! Amen!!