

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Walk in Truth 6
Walk in the Light of the Inward Witness

Text: 3 Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. / Eph 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light / Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Ephesians lets us know that before we can walk, we first have to sit. Once we are **seated**, then we can walk. We looked at walking **worthy of our calling**, and getting **free from a Gentile mind**. **We learned to imitate God and walk in love**. We began to talk about **Walking in the Light: The light of the Word, the light of love, and the light of the Spirit - conscience and inner witness**. Learning to follow the inward witness is one of the keys to living in continual victory.

❖ **Every Christian has the witness of the Spirit on the inside**

- God speaks in a number of ways: Nature, the Word, spectacular (audible voice, visions, dreams, manifestations of the Spirit)
- The two universal supernatural ways are the conscience of man, and the witness of the Spirit with my spirit
- 1 Thess 5:23 You are three parts. Your spirit is the part that is born again (Jn 3:6)
- The inward witness is that place where we intuit the inclination of the Spirit on the inside. It is first manifest in the assurance of salvation: Romans 8:15-16 / Gal 4:6 / 1 Jn 5:10-13

❖ **Learn to follow peace**

- Col 3:15 AMP And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].
- Learn to pay attention to what is going on in your spirit. 2Co 2:12-14.
 - We lose peace when we try to move from the plan of God. It is always good to ask, "Where did I lose my peace?"

- Acts 18:5 Our spirit will constrain us about some things. Constrain = *sunecho* - held together, pressed, compelled, preoccupied, arrested. This is something that just keeps pressing and won't go away. 2 Corinthians 5:14.

- Acts 20:22-23 bound in the spirit despite contrary opinions from loved ones

➤ When peace departs we are left with a "check" in the spirit. A Holy Ghost "uh-uh or uh-oh."

- Act 16:6-9 The inward sense of God's displeasure, (Note this happens when we are in motion, and it does not indicate sin, only which of a number of good choices we should follow.

- May be an inward sense of foreboding or dis-ease about places or people: Acts 17:16 / John 13:21. May be just a warning to be alert, or it may mean get out of there.

❖ **Keeping a clear heart to hear**

➤ Feed much on the Word. Hebrews 4:12 The only way to differentiate between the activity of the human spirit and the working of the soul is by the Word.

➤ Pray much in other tongues: 1 Corinthians 14:14-15 The Holy Spirit supplies words to your spirit. Your spirit drives your tongue. Note Acts 2:4 It is you who speaks in tongues. The words are being generated in your spirit.

➤ Keep a clean heart: Be quick to repent when you are wrong and keep your love lamp lit. 1Ti 1:5 / 1 Jn 1:9

➤ Learn to walk in those places where you can sense the Lord's pleasure. When it lifts, stop!

➤ Psa 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way

**Walk where you sense the Lord's delight
and you will always be in the light.**