

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**April 13, 2014**  
**Walk in Truth 5**  
**In the Light**

**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

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 earned to imitate God and walk in love**. Today: Walk in the Light. Our Christianity has wandered far afield from the New Testament understanding

- ❖ You are light. Walk that way.
  - Darkness is the absence of light. Darkness a problem? Turn up the light!!!! The brighter the light, the less darkness
  - Darkness is characterized by three things: Eph 5:5-7. Whoremongering, uncleanness, and greed.
  - Note that sex and money have been problems for quite a while. Your handling of those two issues will limit the quality of your life.
  - The big issue is “Who is Lord?” Everything but Jesus is idolatry.
  - Two translations of Verse 9 give us a clue as to what it means to walk as children of light: fruit of the Spirit, and fruit of the Light.
- ❖ Walking in the light. 1Jn 1:7.
  - Remember Eph 5:2 – Walk in the light of love
  - Walk in the light of His Word: Psa 119:9-11 / 105 / 130 / Rom 10:17
  - Walk by faith: 2Co 5:7 / Rom 4:16 / Rom 1:16-17 / Gal 2:20 / 2Co 4:13 / Rom 14:22-23 AMP ...or whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin [*whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful*].
  - Walk in the light of the Spirit: **This is the secret of victory in the Christian life.**
- ❖ Walk in the Spirit: Gal 5:16
  - It is who you are: Gal 5:25

- My spirit and His Spirit are now joined as one. Conscience and inward witness are the primary means by which we follow God. Romans 8:15-16 / 1 Cor 2:13-16
- Conscience: If it grieves your heart, don't do it!
  - Conscience = co-perception, to know together with; to be clandestinely informed. Zodiates: “Intuitively knowing together with God. Being conscious of knowing what God expects.”
  - 1 Peter 3:16 . You maintain a good conscience.. Acts 24:16 /1 Peter 3:21 / Romans 13:5
  - How to maintain a good conscience:
    - 1 Timothy 1:5 One purpose of the preaching of the Word is to help us keep a pure conscience.
      - ◆ Legalism weakens the conscience. 1 Cor 8:7-13 / 10:23-31 / Rom 14:20-23
      - ◆ Galatians 5:12-13 Paul was hard on those who bring Christians under law.
    - Don't sear your conscience
      - ◆ By known sin:1 Timothy 4:2 (Hebrews 3:13)
      - ◆ By ignoring the truth. 2 Corinthians 4:2 /5:11 1 John 2:20,27 / 2 Timothy 3:7-8
    - **Surgery for the hardened heart:** 1 Timothy 1:18-19
      - ◆ Usually requires external motivation. Pain is a motivator.
      - ◆ Must be undertaken by faith: obeying the written word with no feelings to go by.
      - ◆ It is worth the effort. People with hardened hearts are faithless, without peace, irritable, without worship, can't hear God.

***The safest course is to do nothing against one's conscience. With this secret, we can enjoy life and have no fear from death.***

*Voltaire*