

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Walk in Truth 9
Walking Wise 3

Text: 3 Jn 1:4 / Eph 5:15-17 / Col 4:5-6 NKJV Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. (6) Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

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 the inward witness. Our last stage of walking is to walk in wisdom. First in personal relationships, and today toward the world

- ❖ Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time.
 - “Those who are outside” We are not at war with the unbeliever. We are earning a hearing from them. The instructions: mind how we live in our contact with the world.
 - 1Th 4:9-12
 - Love one another. Don’t use all your energy up fighting other Christians. Work at loving the brethren: V.10b MSG ...keep it up; get better and better at it.
 - Our manner of life is supposed to be a stark contrast to those who are outside: 1Th 4:11-12 MSG
 - Calm, peaceful – No drama!
 - Mind your own business – take care of your own house.
 - Work! 2 Thess 3:7-12 / Eph 4:28
 - Unbelievers will respect how you live!
 - Remember 1Ti 2:1-4 NLT Pray...so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.
 - 1Pe 2:12 NLT ... they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God ...” *kalós*; Good. Constitutionally good without necessarily being benevolent; expresses beauty as a harmonious completeness, balance, proportion.
 - 1 Pe 3:14-17 GNB ...Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you,
 - Your sphere of life is your mission field
 - Your life is your sermon until you are asked

- Your Message is to be delivered with Gentleness and Respect!!!!

- ❖ You can believe God for wisdom and recognize it when it comes
 - James 1:5-6 How do I get it?
 - In any situation you can ask God for wisdom
 - He gives it to all in abundance and never chides you for asking.
 - He will give it to you
 - The only caveat: ask in faith – believe you receive when you pray. Pray, then go for it! Pr 3:5-6
 - How do I recognize it? Jas 3:13-18 NLT If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.
 - No jealousy or selfishness./ Pure & Peace loving / Gentle & Willing to yield / Full of mercy and good deeds / No discrimination Sincere / Sowing peace
 - AS you approach those who are “outside,” ask the Lord for His wisdom in your attitude and your speech, then go for it!
- ❖ The wisdom of God gets the message right: The Message is Jesus
 - Col 4: (6) Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
 - 1Co 1:23-24 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, (24) but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
 - Grace is the message:
 - 1Co 2:1-2
 - 2Co 5:18-21
 - 1Co 15:1-8
 - **Preach the Gospel!!!!** Mar 16:15-20. He is alive, He is ready to help you, I can prove it: He helped me!!!!

Rom 10:9-10 NLT

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Jesus is alive, and He is LORD!