

1st John # 21

“Walk This Way” *1st John 1:7*

The Apostle John has made a case for TLJC being real, physical and eternal and so therefore, we can know our Lord experientially, in a personal intimate real way which he calls; abiding fellowship.

Fellowship is sharing our lives with Jesus Christ by the grace of God, beginning with our salvation in Him and continuing by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit in us to understand the mind of Christ and live the supernatural spiritual life.

God is light and Jesus Christ is God, so Jesus is light and light reveals truth, so contact with Him is contact with truth.

And this darkness is more than passively ignoring the Light or even experiencing the absence of light; it's actively pursuing Satan's cosmic system of this world that is anti-Christ in its rebellion against God.

The Christian life is NOT fighting sin, it's fighting the urge to go it alone and not trust Jesus Christ who's paid for our sins and the spiritual life God provided which is *putting on Christ*, which includes as a by-product; less inclination to be influenced by our sin natures and tempted to believe the wrong things; doubting God and seeking happiness elsewhere.

In John's day, the Gnostics were teaching that they weren't sinners; they didn't sin and sin had no impact on their relationship with God because after all, Jesus Christ paid the penalty for all their sins, so it really didn't matter what they did in life.

The Christian life is more than small talk; there must be a walk to back up the talk.

The Christian life is residence and function inside the King of king's palace, the plan of God; so it's vitally important that we understand, learn, believe and apply biblical truth under the filling of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian life is us logging maximum time in experiential abiding fellowship with Jesus Christ.

There is no Christian life outside the plan of God and no one glorifies Jesus Christ or fulfills the plan of God apart from applying the RFHC with personal love for God and impersonal love for all others.

When we're making progress in the spiritual life there are 2 tests we must pass to continue growing; one deals with people and the other with our thoughts and both can either destroy or accelerate our momentum.

No one is ever going to advance to spiritual maturity without facing many tests.

Walking in the Light as He is in the Light in experiential abiding fellowship with Jesus Christ requires understanding, learning, believing and applying God's game-plan, the unique spiritual life of the Church Age.

What is important in expressing impersonal love is emphasis on the subject's honor, integrity and capacity for love, so the condition of his soul is the issue and in all expressions of true love, reason dominates emotion and in all expressions of false love, emotion dominates reason or thinking.

To love someone you cannot see requires great concentration, so now that you're learning the Word, you still haven't seen Him with your eyes and you haven't had the experience John had but you believe in Him anyway; so rejoice!

The result is inner happiness and there are degrees of happiness in the plan of God commensurate with our level of spiritual growth.

So, walking in the Light as Jesus is in the Light is being consistently filled with the Holy Spirit producing enforced and genuine humility as we apply processed biblical truth which leads to the expression of motivational virtue toward God with personal love and functional virtue toward man and circumstances with impersonal love.

No human being has the power to be extremely bad or evil or to be extremely good.

Man is too weak to do either, so man needs help if he's going to be good and he needs help if he's going to be bad and he gets it from systems which are more powerful than he is.

This refers to Satan's plan or God's plan for mankind and both are systems in which man is controlled by a power greater than himself and this remains the greatest experiential issue of Christianity.

Just as walking in the darkness is incompatible with walking in light, Christian rebellion is incompatible with living in the plan of God.

Walking in darkness is moral and immoral rebellion.

If we're going to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord after we believe in Him, we must have integrity, be filled with the Holy Spirit and constantly be understanding, learning, believing and applying the Word of God.

Walking in the Light is residence, function and momentum in the plan of God and it means problem solving along the way.

Walking in newness of life means we walk in the Light of the written Word because we are in union with Jesus Christ, the Living Word and we can now use all the invisible assets God provided for us: the availability of His power; the indwelling Trinity; our portfolio of invisible assets as priests and ambassadors for Him.

We received Christ by faith; now we walk in Him by faith.