

WALKING

"Pastor, I've heard you talk about the Christian walk. But isn't that merely being obedient to God's word?" Yes, that's part of it, however, you must apply this fundamental spiritual principle as a lifestyle. 2 Corinthians 5:7, ***"For we walk by faith and not by sight."*** To walk, in the New Testament often denotes "to live, to act, or to conduct yourself in a certain way" (Romans 4:12; Romans 6:4). It suggests that life is a journey, or a pilgrimage, and that we are travelling from one place to another - down a road toward our destiny. Here, the apostle Paul is speaking to believers and he mentions a specific action - walking! Walking represents the possession of life. You can make a dead man sit or even stand in a certain position, but to walk necessitates the possession of life.

In this instance, Paul is referring to the inward life. Therefore, spiritually, the unbeliever or carnal man cannot walk at all, for he is like a corpse. But the opposite applies to a believer, he/she can and does 'walk' - he/she walks in newness of life in Christ Jesus! Yes, when we walk, we walk by the Spirit and we walk by Faith! The point here is, we are to conduct ourselves throughout the course of life with reference to the things that are unseen, and not with reference to the things that are seen – genuinely believing that those things we do not see are reality. We must learn to trust in the existence of objects that are invisible because (by faith) we know they influence us powerfully and profoundly. To walk by faith, is to live in the confident expectation that the things which are unseen (invisible) will materialise. Our lifestyle should reflect a belief in the existence of invisible realities. All the time knowing that they influence us as if they are physically present.

Note, the action of walking also denotes "progress." We are not just lifting each foot and then putting it down in the same place - marching on the spot. We are always moving forward and making progress. We are meant to be going from faith to faith! Faith in its beginnings, to faith in its perfections. Thereafter, moving from faith to assurance and from assurance to full assurance. Our faith must always keep us moving forward, getting stronger and stronger as we go. Advancing from glory to glory! Therefore, every believer, when he/she is in a healthy spiritual state, may truthfully say, "I walk with Him." When we walk with Jesus, we are walking in complete victory! We are more than conquerors! No matter what the adverse conditions may imply, Jesus is always with us and His presence will secure the outcome. If you are in a storm right now, **walk by faith and not by sight**. Take your eyes off your circumstances and see Him getting you to the other side. See Him taking you by the hand and helping you stand triumphant.

Walk with Jesus and you will never regret it.