

## I. INTRODUCTION.

### A. Scripture text: **Colossians 2:9-12**.

For in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, [10] and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; [11] and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; [12] having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

-  B. In various places in the NT the Xian life is called a walk. Not a run, a sprint, or crawl; but it is called a walk because that is what most people can do.
- C. What is involved in this walk?

## II. THE WORTHY WALK.

### A. Walk... **“in newness of life”** (Rom. 6:4).

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

1. Our new walk begins at baptism.
2. The old self, walking in the way of the world is crucified, no longer to be our walking way.

### B. Walk... **“not as the Gentiles”** (Eph. 4:17).

This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,

1. Our walk is characterized by a new way of thinking and looking at life.
2. Our walk will look different than the way the world walks (lives).

### C. Walk... **“worthy of our calling”** (Eph. 4:1).

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

1. We have been called to a higher standard of excellence.
2. X is our example of how to walk (live) in all our relationships.

### D. Walk... **“as children of light”** (Eph. 5:8).

for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light

1. Your walk should be one that brightens the lives of others.
2. Your walk should be an illustration of how life is to be lived.

### E. Walk... **“honestly”** (Rom. 13:13).

Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

1. No matter the situation your life (walk) will be of proper code.
2. Even when others revert to sinful ways, your walk will be unaffected.

### F. Walk... **“by faith”** (2Cor. 5:7).

for we walk by faith, not by sight--

1. We walk looking for the eternal reward that comes after this life.
2. We know it is better to be absent from the body and present with the Lord, so we live like that!

### G. Walk... **“in the Spirit”** (Gal. 5:25).

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

1. We walk according to the teaching of the Spirit--the word of God.
2. We allow the indwelling Spirit to encourage and help us each day.

### H. Walk... **“by the same rule”** (Phil. 3:16).

however, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

1. We have different talents but we all walk by the same code, law, and covenant.
2. There is no turning back, what works in X, always works in X, keep walking!

- I. Walk... **“worthy of the Lord”** (Col. 1:10).  
so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
  1. Our walk is worthy of X, so we bear fruit in every good thing we do.
  2. Our walk teaches us that what God has said about life is true and we learn how to truly live!
- J. Walk... **“in love”** (Eph. 5:2).  
and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.
  1. Is your life (walk) something that other people are drawn to? Or repulsed by?
  2. Love is greater than faith and hope, may our lives be characterized by love for God and others.
- K. Walk... **“in the light”** (1Jn. 1:7).  
but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
  1. Keep walking as best you can--this gives the blessing of continual forgiveness of sin.
  2. Too many people talk the talk, but never walk the walk--you walk!

### III. THE WORTHY WALK DESCRIBED.

- A. The Greek word for worthy is *axios* which means fit. As used in Rev. 3:4 it means that by God’s grace, Xians have become fit, worthy partakers of the inheritance.  
*‘But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white; for they are worthy.’*
- B. Part of being fit is:
  1. Bearing fruit (Col. 1:10).  
so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
  2. Growing in the knowledge of the Lord (Col. 1:10).  
so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
  3. Strengthened with power (Col. 1:11).  
strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously
  4. Always giving thanks unto God (Col. 1:12).  
giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

### VII. CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. In summary:
 

A. Walk... “in newness of life.”	G. Walk... “in the Spirit.”
B. Walk... “not as the Gentiles.”	H. Walk... “by the same rule.”
C. Walk... “worthy of our calling.”	I. Walk... “worthy of the Lord.”
D. Walk... “as children of light.”	J. Walk... “in love.”
E. Walk... “honestly.”	K. Walk... “in the light.”
F. Walk... “by faith.”	
- B. I’m glad that Xianity is not a sprint! It is a long race, which is won by walking!
- C. Who is ready for this walk? Are you fit in God’s eyes?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.