

Handout July 5, 2024

## The Christian Walk

Praise God. Here we go again. Today is the final of a 4 part sermon series that really speaks to our functioning as a body and especially as an individual. Let's read...

### **Romans 12:1-21**

===== Prayer =====

Let's review:

- 1) Your calling - God has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light - a summons and a vocation.
  
- 2) a. Gifts from darkness  
b. Gifts from the Spirit  
We also talked about innate gifts and gifts we develop.
  
- 3) Your walk - how are you doing?

You know, funny enough, I am coming out of Romans, when my absolute favorite book is Ephesians. Why? Because it is an excellent example of a walk worthy and it ties our messages together. I don't do normal "trained" messages. I challenge, rather than give solutions. Why?

Walking - in Greek - "peripateo" - means to walk or walk around.

While in some places, it means to physically walk, the majority of the references relate to our Spiritual Walk.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ really means \_\_\_\_\_.

Volition, according to the Word of God:

*to have positive volition in accordance means my walk is good.*

When we criticize other Christians, usually it is in regards to their walk.

What do you suppose people say about your walk?

2. Do you care? Yes No

I will just say, is your witness important? At any rate, back to our context.....

- God called you out of darkness.
- God, the Holy Spirit, indwelt within you and gave you gifts...
- Now we are to use them in our daily life.

I want to encourage you to begin to replace old habits.

**Romans 6:4**

**Galatians 5:16-17 and 25**

3. My \_\_\_\_\_ is my \_\_\_\_\_.

Here is an old saying... *“you may be the only bible a person may know.”*

People are watching us. I said from the very beginning of the Pandemic --- that it was a great time to be a Christian.

Let’s do a self-examination. Here comes the challenge.....

Let’s use an airplane trip analogy.....

Grade yourself on a scale: A+ to F-

- A. **Pre-trip.** The virus hit... stock up, anxiety, worry, fear, no toilet paper...  
*How did you do?* Grade \_\_\_\_\_
- B. **Boarding.** Who am I sitting next to... they want to talk, they have a different point of view.  
*How did you do?* Grade \_\_\_\_\_
- C. **Take-off.** Loss of job... kids out of school, locked in the house (plane), not enough supplies, no church, no sports. *How did you do?* Grade \_\_\_\_\_
- D. **Mid-Flight.** *Dealing with all of the above...* became comfortable, using long flight as excuse to drink/use/sexual sin/ poor mental attitude. Grade \_\_\_\_\_
- E. **Then we descended.** *How did you do?* Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Now is the time to make your *walk worthy*. Be filled with the Spirit and then *walk in the Spirit*.

**John 8:12** *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*

This is the goal.

Hopefully you learned about yourself and made improvements in your walk. You became kinder. You learned to trust God.

What is your crisis today? How are you handling it? Today, I am talking in terms of relationships.

**Romans 12:9-21**