

Your Walk With Christ

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Many who call themselves Christians are being deceived into thinking that by being “good people,” or by doing good, and seemingly righteous deeds, they are pleasing God and guaranteeing their entry into Heaven.

The actual doing of good works **is a good thing, and should be a natural outcropping of having a yielded, surrendered life to Jesus Christ.** Any flesh birthed works, or acts of righteousness, will do us no real good. Only those works which are accompanied with, and come from, a genuine selfless desire to love God and love our fellow man and woman will profit us (*see* 1 Corinthians 13:1-3). We need to be found **in Christ**, as He is our source of love, protection, guidance, righteousness, faithfulness, and true hope. Apart from Jesus Christ we are nothing. It is only when we identify with Him that we prosper.

If our motives are to get something from God, or from someone, then we are likely doing a good deed solely for a reward, and not out of a true heart of compassion, or out of selfless love. We are directed in God’s Word to seek after His Kingdom, which operates differently than this fleshly world does. *See* Matthew 6:33, Ephesians 4:17-32, and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

There is a type of righteousness that transcends our own reasoning and understanding. We need to have our thinking (our minds) changed and renewed. We need to take sufficient time **practicing being nearer to God**, and we must not be selfish with the precious time that we have been given by The Almighty. **Be a faithful steward, doing what God has called you to do.** God will test your faithfulness and examine your character. “...Moreover **it is required** in stewards, **that a man be found faithful.**” 1 Corinthians 4:1-2. We must be faithful in believing in Jesus Christ, having unshakable, unmovable **faith**.

The world system is one of selfish distractions, whose purpose is to get you to concentrate on selfish desires, rather than focusing on the wonderful deep spiritual promises of God that are described in God’s Holy Word. **A walk of humility is required, where we deny our flesh, and will follow Jesus Christ, being led by The Holy Spirit.** “*This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16.

Losing yourself is essential in your walk with Christ. God is not pleased when people who call themselves Christians, or followers of His Son, Jesus Christ, act and behave in ways that are selfish and self reliant. The Christian walk is **all about loving God, and loving our fellow man and woman.** We are to **lose ourselves in Christ**, and not allow our flesh, mind, or reasoning to tell us how we should live. Self reliance leads to pride, and will deceive us to think more highly of ourselves than we should. We are called to live as **yielded vessels**, ever emptying ourselves of self, and instead being filled with the wisdom and nature of God. We are not to be significant, but rather we are to lift up the Significance of Jesus Christ! “**He must increase, but I must decrease.**” John 3:30.

“I am nothing...He is everything.” **Apart from Him, we can do nothing** (*see* John 15:1-9). When we choose to live apart from Christ, we have only our own direction or power. **Jesus said that you will experience His power**, “**If ye abide** in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” John 15:7. **The Holy Spirit, The Promised Power From On High**, always lifts up Jesus, and reveals His Kingdom to us.

“**And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you:** but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high.**” Luke 24:49. “**And my speech and my preaching was not** with enticing words of man’s wisdom, **but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**” 1 Corinthians 2:4-5. “**For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance;** as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.” 1 Thessalonians 1:5.

We must live our life, careful to walk with the **same compassion and love** that Christ has for people, being a good servant and steward of everything that Christ has entrusted us with, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with as many as will listen, always giving God all the glory through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Just like Evan Roberts preached during the Welsh Revival (of 1904-1906), we all need to:

1. Confess all known sin
2. Deal with and get rid of anything ‘doubtful’ in your life
3. Be ready to obey the Holy Spirit instantly
4. Confess Christ publicly