

## Talk and Walk - cont.

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- He walked in *obedience* (John 8:29).
- He walked in *activity* (Acts 1:1; 10:38).
- He walked in *self-denial* (2 Corinthians 8:9).
- He walked in *prayer* (Luke 6:12).
- He walked in *the scriptures* (Matthew 4:4).
- He walked in *humility* (Matthew 11:29).
- He walked in *rebuke* (Mark 3:5; John 2:15).
- He walked in *tenderness* (Matthew 9:36).
- He walked for the very purpose of leaving others an example (John 13:15; 1 Peter 2:21).

### 3. "He that says he is in the light..."

Lastly, John wrote that Christians are to show they are living right by loving their brethren, not hating them. If we love God, we will not hate our brethren (1 John 4:20). - Chris Reeves

## - Word of the Week -

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"Beloved" (Gr. ἀγαπητός) refers to persons in the New Testament who are held very dear, or highly esteemed, by another. They are not just loved, but dearly loved. Jesus was a "beloved" son because he always did his Father's will (Matthew 3:17). Barnabas was a "beloved" Christian because he always helped his brethren (Acts 15:25). Faithful brethren are "beloved" because they always obey God (Philippians 2:12). Let us practice true Christianity this week hold our brethren very dear in our heart and show them they are beloved.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

*He that says, I know him, and keeps not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoso keeps his word, in him verily hath the love of God been perfected. Hereby we know that we are in him: he that says he abides in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked. Beloved, no new commandment write I unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning: the old commandment is the word which ye heard. Again, a new commandment write I unto you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shines. He that says he is in the light and hates his brother, is in the darkness even until now.*

- 1 John 2:4-9 -

Three times in the text above, the Apostle John writes about Christians who say things: "He that says..." John writes about Christian who say things, but their life (their "walk") does not match up with what they are saying. Today, we would say, "They are not practicing what they preach." John is teaching that if a Christian says what is right, that Christian needs to practice what is right. The Christian's talk needs to match his walk, and vice versa.

Another place where John makes a similar point is in 1 John 1:6 -

*If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth*

Jesus taught the same thing during his earthly ministry. Consider his words in Matthew 23:3 -

*all things therefore whatsoever they bid you, these do and observe: but do not ye after their works; for they say, and do not.*

Consider also his words in Luke 6:46 -

*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

### 1. "He that says, I know him..."

How do I know I am a Christian? Being a Christian is not guess work. We can truly know that we are a Christian when we keep God's word in the New Testament. John used the word "know" many times in his epistles to teach Christians that they can "know" that they are saved. The false teachers of John day, the Gnostics, were saying that a person cannot really "know" how to be saved unless that person comes to them for special knowledge. John countered this false argument by writing that

Christians already have the truth of God's word and they can "know" they are saved.

Here are a couple of good questions to ask and answer from God's word to see if you are saved: First, have I taken the steps to be saved found in God's plan of salvation (Ephesians 1:18; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 5:13)? Second, am I living a faithful Christian life (John 13:35; 17:23)? If the answer is "No" to one or both questions, then change that today!

### 2. "He that says he abides in him..."

We must first abide in Christ (Galatians 3:26-27; John 15:1-6). Our profession must be more than just words (James 2:11, 14ff; 1 John 1:6ff; 2:9; 3:18; 4:20). Talking only is useless and hypocritical. We are to walk (live) as Jesus walked. This is the very purpose of God (Rom. 8:29), this is the very plan of Christ (Colossians 1:18; 2:19), and this is the very program of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9, 14, 16; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 2:20, 27). Are you walking like Jesus walked?

- He walked in *holiness* (Hebrews 4:15). - continued