

1. Last week I exegeted Gal 5:15 and when time expired we were about to analyze Gal 5:16.
2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Here is an expanded translation of Gal 5:13-15.

Expanded Translation

Gal 5:13 But you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, you were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge your sinful natures; but in contrast you must by means of Bible Doctrine resident in your souls serve one another.

Gal 5:14 For the entire Mosaic Law can be summed up in a single command "You must love your neighbor as yourself."

Gal 5:15 Now my brothers and sisters in Christ if you reject the command to love one another but instead, you keep on hating and speaking ill against one another, such conduct will no doubt end up destroying the entire church.

4. Paul now urges the Galatians to walk in the Spirit and by that walk they will not fulfill the lust patterns of their Old Sin Natures.

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

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Gal 5:16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

1. The mechanics of walking make for an excellent metaphor and teaching technique for this verse. We are to walk in time appropriately because we were called in eternity past to produce divine good. We may, however, produce or not produce. It all depends on our attitude toward God's protocol.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

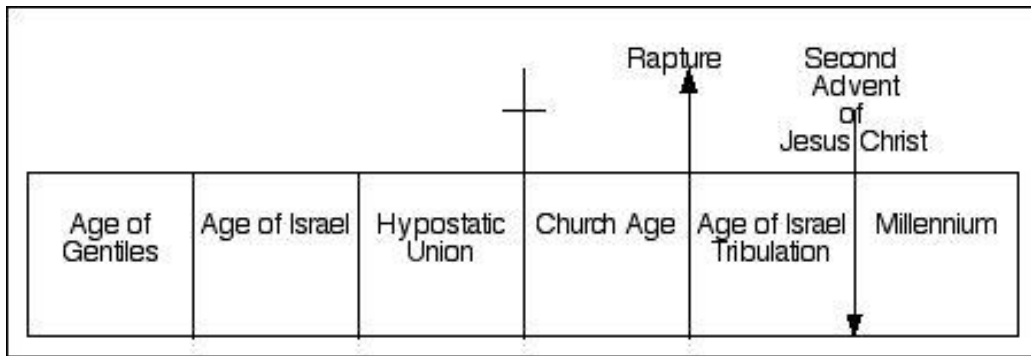
Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which **God hath before ordained that we should walk** in them.

2. We walk as witnesses in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict. Our walk must be a step at a time just as we redeem time on a moment-by-moment basis.

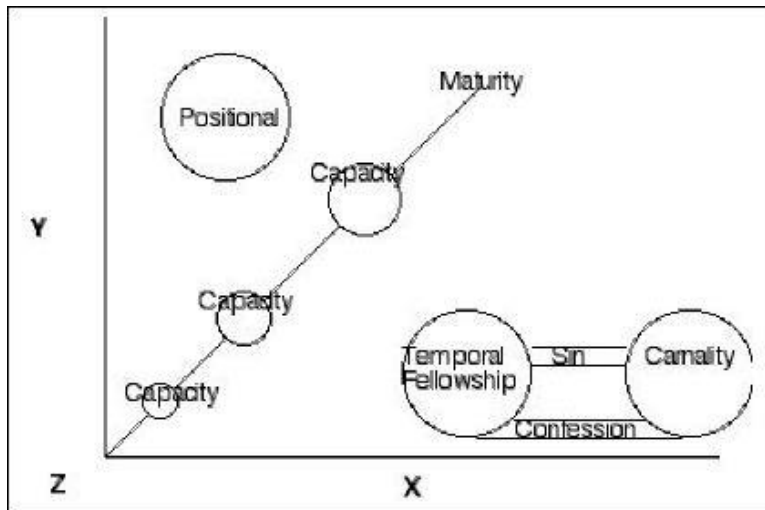
Col 4:5 Walk (**Peripateo**) in wisdom toward them that are without redeeming (**Exagorazo**) the time.

3. God has given us only so many minutes to redeem. Time was relinquished to Satan by the first Adam in the Garden. So what we think, say and do are all part of our redeeming time. We are continually on stage as witnesses in the conflict.



4. Like the baby who learns to walk by falling and then catching himself by taking a step, the believer's walk is a process of confession and moving forward in the Christian life; all the while maintaining a positive attitude toward the Word.

4.1 Walking provides a meaningful metaphor for moving forward a step at a time on the road to maturity.

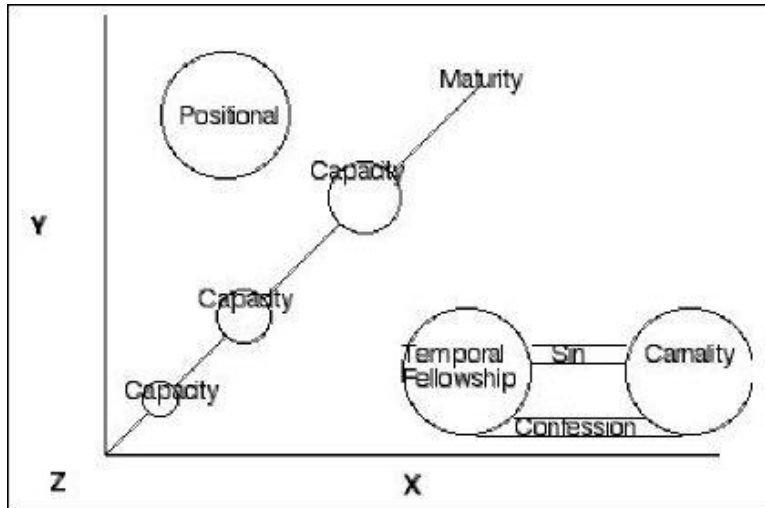


1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk (Peripateo)** in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jo 1:7 But if we **walk (Peripateo)** in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

4.2 As a baby begins life without the ability to walk and must take in nourishment to build muscle and bone so also the believer starts out in time as a spiritual infant in need of spiritual food.



4.2.1 This principle is taught in numerous passages.

Heb 5:11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn.

Heb 5:12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

Heb 5:13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

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