

1. Last week I exegeted in part Gal 5:16 by way of the *Doctrine of Walking*.
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. I want to review some of that learned last week and then we will begin new material at point five on page two.

KJV-New Sentence

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

1. The mechanics of walking make for an excellent metaphor and teaching technique for this verse.
2. 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 2:10 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.

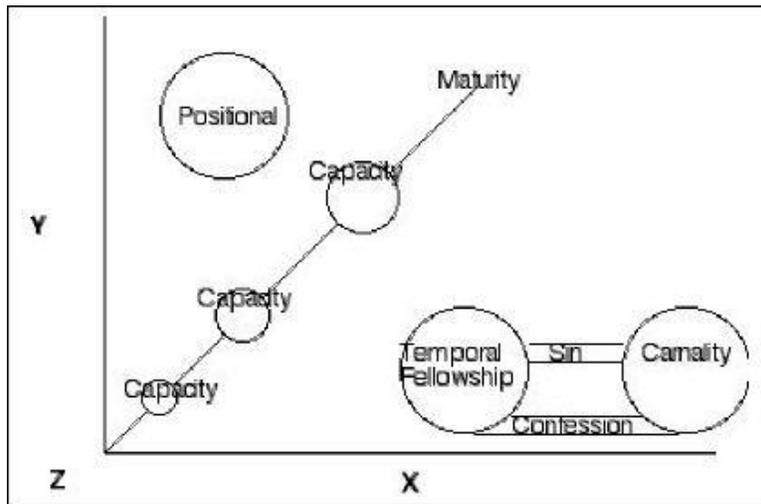
3. God has given us only so many minutes to redeem. Time was relinquished to Satan by the first Adam in the Garden. So what we think, say and do are all part of our redeeming time. We are continually on stage as witnesses in the conflict.

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.

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.

4.1 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.



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:

5. The mechanics of walking are related to the intake of the Word under the filling of the Spirit to avoid the domination of our old sin natures.

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Rom 13:13 Let us **walk (Peripateo)** honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

6. Walking is also used to describe the life style of the unbeliever and the believer.

6.1 The Unbeliever

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk (Peripateo)** not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Col 3:7 In the which ye also **walked (Peripateo)** some time, when ye lived in them.

6.2 Believers

Phi 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Phi 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us **walk (Stoicheo)** by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Phi 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which **walk (Peripateo)** so as ye have us for an example.

Phi 3:18 (For many **walk (Peripateo)**, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Phi 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that **ye walk (Peripateo)** worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

7. There are three spheres of walk for the positive believer: in the Spirit, by faith and in the sphere of truth.

7.1 In the Spirit

Gal 5:16 This I say then, **walk (Peripateo)** in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

7.2 By faith

2Co 5:7 (For we **walk (Peripateo)** by faith, not by sight:)

7.2.1 Our walk of Faith must be by means of the content found in the Mind of Christ.

7.2.2 Faith demands we accept the Word of God without question.

Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk (Peripateo)** ye in him:

Col 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith (by means of what you believe), as ye have been taught (**Didasko**) abounding therein with thanksgiving.

7.3 In the sphere of truth

3Jo 3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou **walkest (Peripateo)** in the truth (**Aletheia**).

8. Walking according to *Naves Topical Index*:

8.1 With God,

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

8.2 According to His commands,

Deu 5:33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

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