

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 13 on page five.

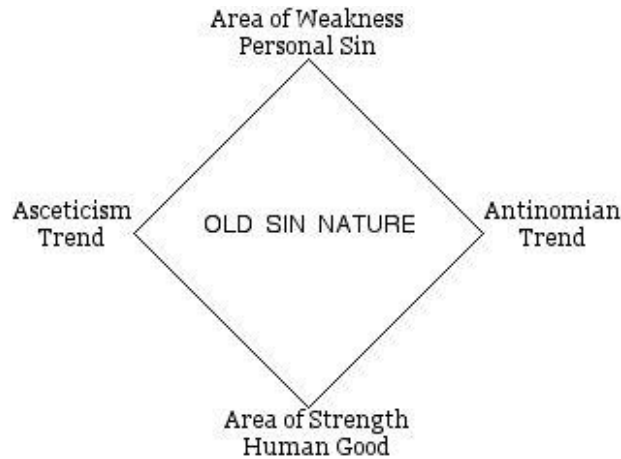
KJV-New Sentence

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. 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.
3. 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 5:12-14

Hebrews Footnote: The book is in many ways a sad commentary on the negative volition of the Jews and Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. The anonymous writer urges the reader to accept the grace of God and reject the legalism of the Law so prevalent in the city. The year of the writing is A.D. 68 just two years before Rome destroys the city and the Temple under the permissive will of God. The Jews in A.D. 66 attacked a small Roman force cloistered outside the Temple and were emboldened by their success; the Sanhedrin refused to pay certain taxes to Rome. Men like Agrippa King of Palestine and Josephus though both Jews urged against taking on the powerful Roman Eagle.

4. 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.



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

5.1 The Unbeliever

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.

Footnote verse Six: The things mentioned are listed in verse five: Earthly nature such as sexual sins, greed and idolatry.

5.2 Believers

6. There are three spheres of walk for the positive believer: in the Spirit, by faith and in the sphere of truth. Our walk of faith demands we accept the Word without question.
Gal 5:16; 2Co 5:7; Col 2:6-7; 3Jo 3

7. Walking according to *Naves Topical Index*:

8. 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.

Footnote Gen 3:8: God is always walking with us but we sometimes hide from him by rejecting His Word.

8.1 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.

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Footnote Re: Scornful: It has been said by a famous parent that her teenage kid often provided the quintessential meaning of scornful by the look on the teens face when he or she had been made to go someplace where they didn't want to go.

Jer 7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

8.2 As taught and directed by God, first I want to give you three eschatological meanings: Isa 2:3, 30:29 and Jer 7:23.

Isa 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isa 30:29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.

Mic 4:1 But in the last ... the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established ... and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Mic 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

8.3 Uprightly,

Pro 2:7 He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,

8.4 In newness of life,

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

8.5 In white clothing,

Rev 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall **walk** with me in white: for they are worthy.

8.5.1 Recall the dual meaning of the seven Churches of Asia Minor; as a literal local assembly and as seven time periods through which the universal church would progress. Sardis you may recall was that period A.D. 1517 until just before the Rapture, i.e., today.

9. Instances of walking:

Enoch

Gen 5:24 And Enoch **walked** with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Footnote re: Enoch: Enoch was the seventh progeny from Adam. He was a good man and walked with God. Gen 4:17-18; 5:18-24; Luk 3:37; Heb 11:5 and Jude 14-16. Enoch was a prophet and before being taken home he said; “The Lord will come with many saints to judge the ungodly.”

Jude 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, Jude 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jude 16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

Noah

Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah **walked** with God.

Footnote: “The word “generations” is better “genealogy.”

10. Let's look at a few uses of the four Greek words for walking. We will begin with the most common, **Peripateo**.

11. **Peripateo** can be found 106 times and it simply means to walk.

Mar 7:5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why **walk** not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?

Acts 21:21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to **walk** after the customs.

Heb 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that **have been occupied therein**.

Footnote: Meats refers to all legalism and law keeping designed to replace the grace of God.

12. **Emperipateo** can be found one time and means to walk in or among them.

2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and **walk in** them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Footnote: This verse sixteen has both Church Age and Millennial applications.

13. **Stoicheo** can be found five times and means to march in ranks.

Acts 21:24 Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everybody will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself **walk** in obedience to the law.

Rom 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.
Rom 4:12 And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised "but who also **walk**" in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Rom 4:13 It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

Footnote: Abram was saved and became the first Jew before he was circumcised.

Gal 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us "**walk**" in the Spirit.

Gal 6:16 Peace and mercy to all who "**walk**" according to their new position in Christ, even to the Israel of God.

Phi 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Phi 3:15 All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

Phi 3:16 Only let us live up to that doctrine we have in our souls, let us "**walk**" by the same rule, let us mind the same things.

Footnote: You walk in the Spirit, walk according to your position in Christ and press on when you use the two power options: rebounding and taking in the Word. The two power options are Rom 12:1 and 12:2 respectively.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

14. **Orthopodeo** can be found one time and means to walk in a straight path.

Gal 2:14 But when I saw that "they **walked** not" uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

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