Galatians Lesson

1. Last week I taught in part Gal 5:25 and when the clock tolled 10:45 I was about to begin a review of what *Naves Topical Index* had to say about the various Greek verbs translated "walking."

2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.

3. Let's begin with an expanded translation of Gal 5:22-24.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Gal 5:23 In this context forget the Mosaic Law, it has nothing to do with the production of the fruits of the Spirit.

Gal 5:24 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been severed from Christ; you accordingly have fallen from grace.

4. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material on page five .

KJV-New Sentence Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Doctrine of Walking in the Angelic Conflict.

1. The mechanics of walking make for an excellent metaphor.

2. We are to walk in time as ambassadors for Christ. We were called in eternity past to produce divine good. We may, however, produce or not produce.

2.1 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.

3. Christ and all believers were elected by the Father after seeing the entire time line and all choices made. Salvation is a direct result of faith alone in Christ alone. A failure to believe results in eternal damnation. Many Scriptures teach this age-old truth.

4. God in His perfection has declared that man is an important creature in His plan to resolve the angelic conflict. We walk as witnesses in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict. Angels have the ability to observe humans, both their thoughts and actions.

5. The angelic conflict is a war being fought between God and Satan. Satan's purpose was originally to cause Christ to sin and reject God's plan, but since that plan failed, Satan switched strategies and has now directed his attention toward God's elect. Christ took away Lucifer's excuse and the excuses of those angels who followed him in his rebellion.

5.1 Satan and his demons were unable to maintain God's perfect creation, thus their original intent to duplicate God's perfection resulted in an imperfect world.

5.2 When we see children with horrible diseases, retardation, missing limbs, old people in dazed states of senility, people with painful burns and scars, bipolar disorders, crack babies and the many cancer-stricken people of all ages, it is then we better understand Satan's incompetence and the horrific result of that incompetence. 5.3 Planet Earth is the chosen battlefield of Satan and the only one of the galaxies where there is life as we know it. After Adam's fall, Satan is said to be the ruler of planet Earth. Joh 12:27-31; Joh 14:30; Joh 16:11; Eph 2:1-2

5.4 Human history is linked to the angels. For example, Satan, and his coterie of fallen angels, have been judged and sentenced to the Lake of Fire but the sentence has not been carried out. The sentence is not carried out until human history has run its course. Isa 14:15-19; Eze 28:12-17

6. The casting of Satan in the Lake of Fire must await the end of the Millennium. Rev 20:9-10

7. We have a noble calling as an elite force for God. Not only are we watched by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but both the elect and fallen angels see and evaluate our thoughts and actions. We represent Christ in His absence as His ambassadors on a Planet owned by none other than Lucifer himself and we should so <u>walk</u> as ambassadors for Christ in an alien land.

8. 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 (**Exagarazo**) the time.

9. We must not forget that we are watched by angels, unbelievers, carnal believers and spiritual believers. The angels, though invisible, witness not only what we do, but they also listen to what we say and know what we think.

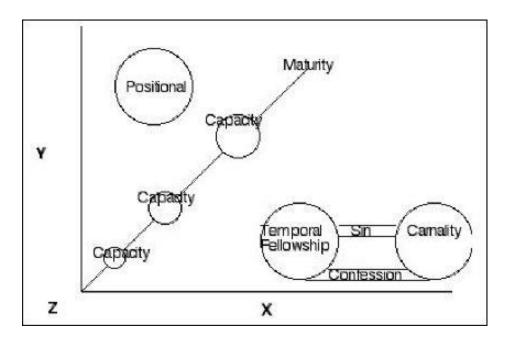
10. God has given us only so many minutes to redeem. Time was relinquished to Satan by the first Adam in the Garden. So, what we think, say and do are all part of our redeeming time. We are continually on stage as witnesses in the conflict.

11. 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.

11.1 Walking provides a meaningful metaphor for moving forward a step at a time on the road to maturity. 1Jo 1:6-11

11.2 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.

11.2.1 This principle is taught in such passages as 1Co 3:1 and Heb 5:11-14



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

12.1 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.

12.2 Believers

Phi 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus <u>minded</u>: and if in any thing ye be otherwise <u>minded</u>, 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 (**Koilia**), and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

13. Naves Topical Index

13.1 Walking with God,

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God <u>walking</u> 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.

13.2 According to His commands,

Deu 5:33 Ye shall <u>walk</u> 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 <u>walketh</u> not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

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 <u>walk</u> ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

13.3 As taught and directed by God,

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.

Isa 30:20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, **walk ye in it**, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

13.4 Uprightly,

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

13.5 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 <u>walk</u> in newness of life.

13.6 In white clothing

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

13.6.1 Recall the dual meaning of the 7 Churches of Asia Minor; as a local assembly and seven time periods through which the universal church would progress.

14. Instances of walking:

14.1 Enoch

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

14.2 Noah

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

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

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

Mar 7:5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why <u>walk</u> 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.

15.2 **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 <u>walk in</u> them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

15.3 **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.

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