

1. Last week I taught in part Gal 5:25 and when the clock tolled 10:45, I was teaching several 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 two.

KJV-New Sentence

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

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

5.1 **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.

5.2 **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 **walk in** them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

5.3 **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.

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.

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.

5.4 **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 do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

6. Conclusion

6.1 Adam and Eve walked in the Garden with God: "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden." (Gen 3:8)

6.2 Walking is often used symbolically or figuratively of a believer's conduct or spiritual state. It was said of Enoch, the first prophet.

6.3 We are admonished to walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.

6.4 Walking in truth is held up as an example in Psa 26:3.

Psa 26:3 for your love is ever before me, and I “walk” (**Halach**) continually in your truth.

Psa 26:4 I do not sit with deceitful men, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

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9. Let's conclude the study of Gal 5:25 with an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

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

10. Now let's see what we can learn from verse twenty-six.

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

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Gal 5:26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

1. I think the best way to study this verse is to review the *Doctrine of Pride and Arrogance*.

Doctrine of Pride and Arrogance

1. Pride in our study is a mental attitude sin of self-esteem and conceit, divorced from Bible Doctrine.

2. Concept:

2.1 Webster defines pride as: "A sense of one's own proper dignity and value, or pleasure and satisfaction taken in one's achievements or possessions."

2.2 Pride only becomes a sin when we fail to recognize that the source of our dignity, value, achievements, and accumulated possessions is God's grace.

2.3 Many Christians pride themselves in their humility and "stoop shouldered" meekness, as they like to think of themselves as suffering for Jesus.

2.4 This facade of humility is not part of God's plan but instead we should have confidence in God's watch-care for every aspect of our life. Confidence in the Lord, with an associated stability of mind, should characterize the mental attitude of the mature believer:

2.5 We are to rest in the fact that everything in our life is part of God's divine decrees and perfectly structured for our maximum well-being.

2.6 When you are caught up in some dreadful disaster remember that no matter how grave the danger, as a mature believer you are perfectly safe in the Lord's hands.

Expanded Translation

Rom 8:18 “If the present is painful, focus on the future. Everything on earth could go completely wrong, but if you are God’s child, you are still going to live in heaven one day ... the suffering of this present time is not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

Eph 3:12 In Christ Jesus we have boldness and a confident access to the Father with boldness because we have believed on the Name of the only born One of God.

Mat 10:30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

1Th 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Isa 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Deu 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Pro 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Pro 14:26 He who fears and respects the LORD has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Psa 118:8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Psa 118:9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

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.

Deu 1:17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

Psa 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2.7 There is a difference between being confident and the sin of pride. This difference has nothing to do with overt appearances of either beleaguered self-denigration and/or confident manifest self-approval.

2.8 The finite difference is the source of your self-esteem, i.e., is the source God, or you?

3. Pride was the original sin of Satan and therefore pride relates to the fall.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14: 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

4. Pride is also a human sin and is listed first in those seven sins that God is said to hate.

Pro 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

Pro 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Pro 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Pro 6:19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

4.1 The seven are:

arrogance,

those who malign others and gossip,

murderers,

those who sit around indulging their mental attitude sins-thinking evil,

those who reject authority,

those who commit perjury,

and those who run around sowing discord among the brethren.

5. Since personal sin is not an issue in salvation, the sin of arrogance is deeply involved in the judgment of the unbeliever.

5.1 It takes preposterous arrogance to think man could ever do anything acceptable to God.

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Rom 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Psa 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Mic 7:2 The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

Mic 7:3 That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

Mic 7:4 The best of them is as a briar: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

Mat 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?
Mat 19:17 And he said unto him, "Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

6. Therefore pride is the single impediment to man's salvation, as he rests in his own dignity, self-esteem and self-perception of his own worth, usually relative worth.

2Co 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

7. Because of our hopeless condition and the total depravity of man, God took care of the sin problem for all and then made sure everyone got the Word, clearly understood the Word and left the Word with them to reject or accept.

7.1 The Holy Spirit makes both salvation doctrine and, after salvation, the whole realm of doctrine clear but only to the positive believer.

Joh 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

Joh 16:8 "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"

Joh 16:9 "Of sin, because they believe not on me;"

Joh 16:10 "Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;"

Joh 16:11 "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

Joh 16:12 "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

8. As Paul teaches in his second letter to the church at Corinth; the self-righteous man usually compares his righteousness with that of others, ergo, it is often the unbeliever's own relative worth that impresses him or her.

9. When a human is positive to God he will receive, somehow, someday God's plan of salvation. This is made clear in several Scriptures. For example:

Rom 1:21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom 1:22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles ...

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

End Lesson

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