

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. 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.
4. 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.
5. God in His perfection has declared that man is an important creature in His plan to resolve the angelic conflict.

6. We walk as witnesses in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict.

6.1 Angels have the ability to observe humans, both their thoughts and actions. Job 2:6-12

Job 2:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 2:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 2:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Job 2:9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

Job 2:10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Job 2:11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Job 2:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

6.2 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.

6.3 Christ took away Lucifer's excuse and the excuses of those angels who followed him in his rebellion.

6.4 The excuse apparently went something like this: "I as a creature angel so inferior to you members of the Trinity, I could not help myself, after all I am not like you."

6.5 A natural question asked often is, "Why is there life on Planet Earth amidst all the many galaxies?"

6.5.1 In a book published in February 2000 entitled *Rare Earth* two professors, Ward and Brownlee, specializing in geological sciences, mass extinctions, astronomy and astrobiology have concluded there is most likely no advanced life elsewhere in the universe, only here on Planet Earth.

6.5.2 Let's not beat around the proverbial bush. The Earth was not created without form and void but rather it became without form and void a long time ago in eternity past. As saw last week, the event triggering the Earth becoming "without form and void" was the fall of Satan and his subalterns. Isa 45:18 compared with Gen 1:1-2

Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he **created it not in vain** he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

6.5.3 The angelic conflict is related to the creation of the Earth and its becoming worthless. That which occurred between the perfect creation and the "becoming **Tohu Va Bohu**" has been a long established hypothesis held by many grace expositors such as Chafer, Walvoord, Pentecost, Thieme, Ryrie, Feinberg and Lindsey.

6.5.4 The fall of Lucifer, taking one-third of the angels with him, occurred between Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:2.

6.5.5 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.

6.5.6 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.

6.5.7 Planet Earth is the chosen battlefield of Satan and the only one of the galaxies where there is life as we know it.

6.5.8 After Adam's fall, Satan is said to be the ruler of planet Earth.

Joh 12:27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

Joh 12:28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

Joh 12:29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Joh 12:30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

Joh 12:31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Joh 14:30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me,

Joh 16:11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
Eph 2:2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

6.5.9 Human history is inextricably 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 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

Eze 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering ... your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created.

Eze 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

6.10 It is not insignificant then that his sentence is not carried out until human history has run its full course. The casting of Satan in the Lake of Fire must await the end of the Millennium ...

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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.

7.1 We represent Christ in His absence as His ambassadors on a planet owned by none other than Lucifer himself and we should so walk 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. As we observed earlier, 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.

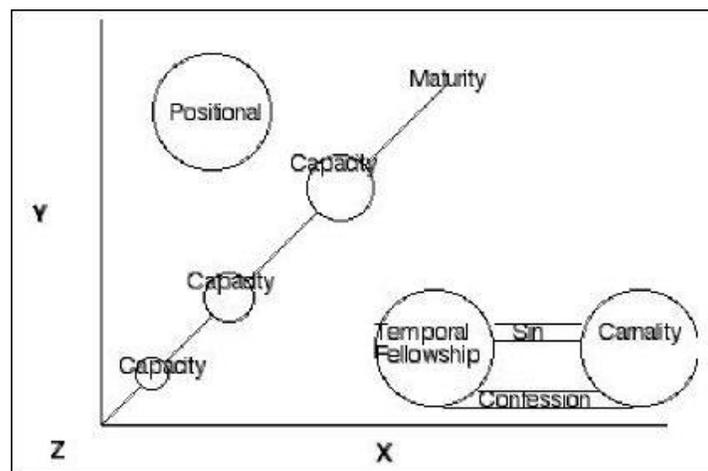
1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk** (**Peripateo**) in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

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.

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 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:

12. 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.

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

13.1 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.

13.2 Believers

Phi 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing 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 (**Koilia**), 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 (**Axios**) of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

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