

A Walk In Faith – The Response of A Believer

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As I continue in my walk with The Lord, and God graciously continues to reveal His Son in me I am growing in my understanding of our “So Great Salvation” that is ours now in Christ. The joy of my initial Salvation experience of having received forgiveness of sins has been deepened and heightened to understand that God wants us to experience daily the greatness of The Grace and Love of God in giving us a New Life – His Life. And I have come to see that God truly does desire that we be filled with all the fulness of God. And rather than my Salvation becoming boring and mundane, as the Reality of this New Life is made known to me, I am continually being awed by the height and depth, and breadth and width of everything that God has done! The Life-giving Spirit that now dwells in me continues to quicken me to this Reality: to this Life that I am now having, and He continues to work this Reality in me. What a glorious thing to experience the Power of God that is working in me – in US – His Body: making us to know (experience continually) the Reality of our New Life, so we can live the fulness of this NOW.

And along with this Work of God revealing this Reality in The Person of His Son, I have been confronted in the Scriptures and by the very Spirit of God Himself with the word “**WALK**”. (Strong’s # 4043 – PERIPATEO) This word means ‘to live, deport oneself, follow, go, to be occupied with’. We must understand the Reality of this New Life. The Truth that we now have in The Person of

Truth Himself now living IN US must have manifestation, expression. The Life we now have is to be lived and expressed: made known. And we as The Church, The Body of The Resurrected Son of God have been ordained by The Eternal Plan of God to be the living of this – daily, here in the earth. **2 Corinthians 2:14**, “*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.*” I am not talking about us merely walking as “Christians” - religious people: but living The Life of Christ: being the expression and manifestation of The Life we have.

Consider these Scriptures regarding “**WALK**”.

- **Romans 6:1**, “*What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?... 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.*”
- **Romans 13:13**, “*Let us **walk** honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*”
- **Galatians 5:16**, “*This I say then, **Walk** in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*”
- **Galatians 5:25**, “*If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk** in the Spirit.*”
- **Ephesians 4:1**, “*I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk** worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called... 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk** not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*”
- **Ephesians 5: 2**, “*And **walk** in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour...8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: **walk** as children of*

*light...15 See then that ye **walk** circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,”*

- **Colossians 1:10**, *“That ye might **walk** worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;”*
- **Colossians 2:6**, *“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk** ye in him:”*
- **1Thessalonians 2:12**, *“That ye would **walk** worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.”*
- **1Thessalonians 4:1**, *“Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to **walk** and to please God, so ye would abound more and more...12 That ye may **walk** honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.”*
- **1 John 1: 6**, *“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk** in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we **walk** 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.”*
- **1 John 2:6**, *“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to **walk**, even as he walked.”*
- **3 John 4**, *“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children **walk** in truth.”*

These are all admonitions and an encouragement to us as Believers to walk - live daily in the Reality of The New Life we have received. To “walk worthy” means to continually give heed to The Life we have received: remembering that it was by The Cross; by Jesus’ Death, Burial and Resurrection that we have received our Salvation and New Life. We must understand we are not saved by our good works, but by God’s Grace. And He showed us this Grace and Love by what He accomplished at The Cross. And as God continues to make the Reality of the Greatness of The Cross known

to us, He confronts us with The Truth, and that will challenge “our walk”. God wants us to Walk – Live daily and continually in The Truth: function continually in the Reality of what The Cross has done. We are not talking about man’s religious understandings: we are talking about GOD’S TRUTH. His Truth doesn’t change: but our walk, the living of The Truth should be continually changing US - causing us to be transformed and conformed to this New Life. The challenges that we face everyday in this earthly realm will continue and increase, but God is at work in us revealing His Truth and changing us - until we all come to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

And in the working of God in my heart, I have recently been confronted by a familiar passage regarding how we “walk”. **2 Corinthians 5:7**, “*For we walk by faith, not by sight.*” The word “faith” (Strong’s # 4102 - PISTOS) means ‘belief, being persuaded of the truthfulness of God’. This “faith” does not just mean something religious that “we believe” (for we can believe things that are wrong!) This “faith” means a reliance on **Christ** for Salvation, and is accompanied by **knowledge**: a God-given knowing of what Christ has done and the Reality of Christ as Life by the working of His Resurrection Power. God wants us to “live” by this FAITH - walking daily with the faith the Apostle Paul expressed in **Galatians 2:20**, “... *the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the son of God ...*” It is not just simply Faith **IN** Jesus, but living **BY** the Truth, the Assurance, the Reality of The Son of God. It is to be fully persuaded of God’s Truthfulness and secure in who He is, and what He has done. This is not simply man’s Faith or religion: this is believing in the Truthfulness of God in the very Person of His Son who gave His Life on The Cross for us.

We are not now to function daily according to “OUR religious beliefs that MY church teaches”, or man’s doctrines, but by believing God and depending on Christ for everything because God

has revealed Him to be Life – our Life. Now in order for us to “walk by this Faith”: to “walk worthy of the Lord and our calling” we have to put off our own “sight”: especially “our” carnal, religious understandings. We must become blind to “our faith” so that God can give us HIS. And sad to say, many of us as Christians refuse to do that. We hold on tightly to what WE believe and many times we are refusing to accept The Truth and Reality of God. Remember when Saul was struck down by the Lord on the road to Damascus (Acts 9), he saw a great light. That light knocked him off his religious horse (he thought he was doing the Will of God!) and blinded him. But as he was obedient to the Lord, after three days the scales fell from his eyes and he received sight – God’s Sight. Then he could truly “see the Lord” and he was filled with the Holy Ghost. Paul then did not continue in “his religious beliefs” (he counted all of that as dung – **Philippians 3**), but he preached Christ, and LIVED by The Faith of The Son of God and the Reality of The Cross.

This is how God wants us as Believers to “walk”, but we have to admit that many of us are still walking religiously according to “our beliefs – our faith”, rather than by the Reality of our Salvation. We must understand The Reality, The Truth has come by Jesus Christ (John 1:17) and He has made the Reality of all of God’s thoughts and plans known in the earth by The Cross. We have to come to know this Reality so that we “walk in Truth, walk in Light, walk worthy of the Lord.” The challenge to me has been that we come to God’s Reality: to God’s Truth, to the Greatness of Christ and His Work on The Cross. And in this regard, The Lord has dealt with me in four aspects of how we as Believers are to respond: how we respond to The Truth.

- **Acknowledge**
- **Appreciate**
- **Accept and Appropriate**
- **Allow**

So let us consider this: the response of a Believer so that we may **Walk in Faith**: and come to be filled with all the fulness of God.

Re: **ACKNOWLEDGE**: We must seriously consider that we must **acknowledge** God and the Truth of His Word, and not take this lightly. In this regard I have received a strong warning from the Lord from **Revelation 22: 18**, *“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”* And also **2 Peter 1:20**, *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.”* We as Believers cannot change what God has Eternally ordained and accomplished, or pick and choose those things that “we believe in our church”. To walk in Faith is to acknowledge The Truth of who God is, and that all that He says in His Word is Real and settled forever. God’s Word is NOT debatable! We must come to see things according to God’s View, and it is the Work of the Spirit of Truth to reveal the Truth of God’s Word and Ways to us: to reveal His Mystery in the Face of Jesus Christ.

Consider:

The first thing we have to do is **acknowledge** God: that He is who He says He is! **Hebrews 11:6**, *“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”* **Exodus 3:14**, *“And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.”* **Malachi 3:6**, *“For I am the Lord, I change not...”* **Revelation 1:8**, *“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith*

the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” It is this God who wants to make Himself known to us, and this is The God we have our dealings with!

We must **acknowledge** that His Word is true. His Word does not just mean sounds that He makes, but is His very Heart, Mind and Will. We must **acknowledge** that His thoughts are on a higher plane than ours, and that He will perform His thoughts and words to His own satisfaction. **Isaiah 55:8**, *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”* **1 Peter 1:25**, *“But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”* **Deuteronomy 8:3**, *“...that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.”*

We must **acknowledge** God’s Son and honor The Son in the way that God considers His Son. **John 1:18**, *“No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”* **Colossians 1:15**, *“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all*

*fulness dwell;” **Ephesians 1:20**, “Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **22** And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, **23** Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.” **Hebrews 1:2**, “Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: **4** Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.” **Philippians 2:9**, “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; **11** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

We must **acknowledge** that God has an Eternal Plan and Purpose centered on His Son and that He always works according to that Purpose for His Glory. **Ephesians 1:11**, “In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: **12** That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.” **Ephesians 3:9**, “And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: **10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, **11** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:” **Romans 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. **29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

We must **acknowledge** that all God planned for us is in Christ, and it is only in Christ that we are fulfilled. **Ephesians 1:3**, “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;*” **Colossians 2:9**, “*For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*”

We must **acknowledge** Salvation was Eternally planned of God to be by God’s Grace shown by The Cross of Christ, and by no other means. **1 Peter 1: 18**, “*Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God*”. **Ephesians 2:8**, “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them*”. **Hebrews 9: 26**, “*...but now once in the end of the world*

hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”

We must **acknowledge** that the Wisdom and Power of God and the only true Gospel is Christ crucified. **1 Corinthians 1: 17**, *“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God...23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.” 2:2*, *“ For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified...5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”*

We must **acknowledge** that The Cross was a Finished Work by which Jesus fully accomplished the Will of God His Father. **Hebrews 10: 9**, *“Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all...12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God...14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” John 4:34*, *“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.” John 17:4*, *“I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.” 1 John 3:8*, *“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”*

We must **acknowledge** that we must be Born Again to know God and we can only truly know The Father and come to Him by His Son. **1 Corinthians 2: 9**, *“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen,*

nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him...14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” John 1:12, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 3:3, “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God...5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” Matthew 11:27, “All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.”

We must **acknowledge** that to God there are not many religious faiths or religious things, but ONE. **Ephesians 4:4**, *“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”* And to God there is only One Church defined not by man, but by Christ. This is His Heavenly Body in Resurrection Life, functioning in the earth as “Church” - the Called Out: called out unto Him, and manifesting His Life here on the earth. **Matthew 16:16**, *“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* **Ephesians 1: 22**, *“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over*

all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.” 1 Corinthians 12:27, “Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”

Re: **APPRECIATE** - The Lord has dealt with my heart regarding this in a special way, because I think too often we become involved in simply trying to learn **facts** about our Salvation and we even rejoice in those things that we now have as a teaching or doctrine. But the Lord truly wants us to **appreciate Him** and what He has done, because truly we could not do this for ourselves. And the Scripture that has come to mean so much to me in this regard is **Isaiah 5: 4**, *“What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?”* And we see in the Scriptures that there is nothing more that God could have done for us other than what He has already done by Christ and The Work of The Cross.

Consider:

First of all we must **appreciate** God’s Love for us shown at The Cross. **John 3:16**, *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”*

We must **appreciate** what He became for us, and because of The Cross what we have become in Him. **Philippians 2: 6**, *“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”* **Hebrews 2: 14**, *“Forasmuch*

then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” 2 Corinthians 5: 21, “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” Colossians 1: 21, “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:” Galatians 4:4, “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”

We must **appreciate** we could NOT deliver ourselves from sin and the realm of flesh and death - only Christ could! **Romans 7:24**, “*O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” Romans 8:2, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” Galatians 6:14, “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”*

We must **appreciate** that by Christ we can come to The Father. **John 14:6**, “*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” Ephesians 2:12, “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of*

promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ...18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;" Ephesians 3:12, "In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him."

We must **appreciate** God has given us Life – His Life in Christ. **Ephesians 2:1**, *"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins...5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"* **John 10:10**, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* **1 John 5:11**, *"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."* **1 Corinthians 15: 22**, *"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."* **John 14:19**, *"Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also."* **Romans 5:12**, *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)"*

We must **appreciate** that in Christ God has given us everything we need for Salvation and Life with Him. **2 Peter 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: 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.” **Ephesians 1:3**, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”*

We must **appreciate** where are we now are in Christ. **Colossians 1: 12**, *“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”* **Colossians 3:1**, *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”*

We must **appreciate** the Power of the Indwelling Christ to make Salvation real to us. **John 14:20**, *“At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.”* **Romans 8:11**, *“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”* **Hebrews 7: 25**, *“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”* **Hebrews 9:24**, *“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.”* **1 John 4:4**, *“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”*

Re: **ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE**. And the word ‘appropriate’ means ‘to take possession of, to make one’s own’. It is not sufficient merely to know and even appreciate what God has done by Christ and The Cross. What is necessary now if we are to walk in Faith is accepting the effects of what He has done – not just FOR us, but now IN us, and understanding that every aspect of The

Cross and God's Salvation must be applied TO us. Everything that The Cross of Christ has accomplished we must now apply to ourselves and take possession of. But we must understand that it is not only 'the good blessings' of The Cross that we might accept, but also the destructive nature of The Cross in removing everything that cannot be in union with God. We must make His Death and Burial OUR Death and Burial before we can make His Resurrection Life OUR Life. This is accomplished by God working in us mightily.

Consider:

We must **accept** what Jesus' Death accomplished. **2 Corinthians 5: 14**, *"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again... 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* We must **accept** that WE have been placed into His Death. **Romans 6: 3**, *"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 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. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin... 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."* And now we can be likewise: **Verse 11**, *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

We must **accept** that as Christ has suffered in the flesh, we must suffer in like manner. **1 Peter 3:18**, *"For Christ also hath once*

suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.” 1 Peter 4:1, “Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.” Romans 8:17, “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

We must **accept** that by our New Birth and Faith in His Cross we now are God’s. **1 Corinthians 6:19**, *“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” 1 Peter 2:9, “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;”* And we must **accept** this is for His Purpose. **Ephesians 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.”*

We must **accept** that now in Christ we can come to God in full assurance because we have been sanctified by The Blood and made acceptable to God. **Hebrews 10:10**, *“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” Hebrews 4:16, “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 10:19, “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,*

having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”

We must **accept** that only by The Cross Jesus has brought us into a Relationship of Oneness with God: this is the Oneness He has with His Father that now is ours. This is Glory! **John 17:21**, *“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”* **John 20: 17**, *“Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.”*

We must **accept** that God has made us sons and has enabled us to know Him in this Relationship of Son. **1 Corinthians 1:9**, *“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”* **Galatians 4:6**, *“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”* **Romans 8:15**, *“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”*

We must **accept** the Reality of our Salvation in the Newness of Life He has given us. **2 Corinthians 5:17**, *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”* **Colossians 2: 10**, *“And ye are complete in*

him, which is the head of all principality and power: **11** In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: **12** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. **13** And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;" **Colossians 3:9**, "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **10** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"

We must **accept** what The Resurrection of Christ has given us. **1 Peter 1:3**, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." **Acts 17:31**, "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

We must **accept** God's Heavenly view of Christ's Body in Resurrection Life. **Ephesians 2: 6**, "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." **Colossians 3:1**, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." We must come to God's view of HIS Church – not man's religious exercises. **Revelation 21:2**, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband... **9**...Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. **10** And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God."

We must **accept** that Christ is the only Life we have, and that we live now because we have Him. **Galatians 2:20**, *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."* **John 14:19**, *"Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also."* **Acts 17:28**, *"For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring."* **Colossians 3:3**, *"For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."*

We must **accept** we have not only received forgiveness of sins and are freed from the penalty of sin, but we are free from the Old Covenant Law of sin and death. **Galatians 4:5**, *"To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."* **Romans 7:4**, *"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. 6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter."* **Galatians 5:1**, *"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."*

We must **accept** and take possession of the fulness of this New Life we have been given and walk (live daily) worthy of it. **Colossians 1:10**, *"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness."* **Ephesians 4:1**, *"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called... 17*

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind.” Ephesians 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour...8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:”

Re: ALLOW. Although God’s Work of Salvation is complete in Christ and fully satisfies the Heart of God and His Eternal Plan, we must allow the Lord to work this in us. We must permit Him to make His Reality real in US and we must submit ourselves unto Him in all things. The word ‘let’ in the Scriptures implies that we can either allow Him or deny Him to work in us, and this is according to the condition of our hearts. A “walk in Faith” allows the Lord to work in us because it is not just what ‘we believe’; but believing that God’s Presence in us will perform His Word. **Philippians 1:6**, *“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”* This is the Faith in which Paul functioned. **Colossians 1:29**, *“Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.”*

Consider:

We must present our bodies, minds and souls to God willingly and **allow** Him to do what He needs to do. **Romans 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. 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.”*

We must **allow** the Full Work of The Cross – HIS Death, Burial and Resurrection to work in us. **2 Corinthians 4:10**, *“Always bearing*

*about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” **Philippians 3:10**, “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;”*

We must **allow** the Nature of Christ to function in us. The nature of the flesh is disobedient, but as we **allow** the Nature of Christ to function in us, He will work obedience to the Will of The Father in us: to the death that removes the flesh. **Philippians 2:5**, *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus... **13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. **14** Do all things without murmurings and disputings: **15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;”* **2 Corinthians 10:5**, *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; **6** And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”*

We must **allow** the Presence of God that is in us in the Person of The Indwelling Christ to rule and reign in us. **Colossians 3:15**, *“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”*

We must **allow** the Lord to search us and cleanse us as only He can. **1 Corinthians 4:5**, *“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.”* **Psalms 139:1**, *“O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me... **23** Search me, O God, and*

know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

We must **allow** the Lord to instruct and correct us. **Hebrews 12:5**, *“And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”* We must understand this is so that we can be partakers of this New Life - HIS. **Verse 9**, *“Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”*

We must **NOT allow** man to dictate faith to us. **Colossians 2:4**, *“And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words...8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ...16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days...18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.” Galatians 1:6, “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7*

Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.” Ephesians 2:8, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 5:6, “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.”

As you can see just from this short lesson, “A Walk In Faith” is a tremendous thing and there are responses that we as Believers must make to the Salvation that God has brought us into. What I have presented to you is certainly not complete, but I pray that you have an understanding that God truly does want us to walk in the fulness of all that He has done for us. But many of us as Believers have not truly come to **Acknowledge, Appreciate, Accept and Appropriate, and Allow** the Lord to show us and work this Great Salvation in us. But may we be encouraged even by these words to submit ourselves to The Work of the Spirit of God in us and desire to experience this Great Salvation and our Great Savior. May the heart of the Apostle Paul even in his last days become the desire of our hearts. **Philippians 3: 10**, *“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”*

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