

## Walking in Christ

**Joh 7:1 "After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him."**

The picture is: Jesus would not walk and practice in Jewry, in the sacrificial law service, because the Jews sought to kill him. Wherefore, we see: the Christian cannot walk in sacrificial law service because the law commandments will kill him.

If we are not walking or running, we are standing still. We are commanded to stand still to see the salvation of the Lord as seen in:

- **Ex 14:13 "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever."** In this text we see the salvation of Israel from the Egyptians.
- **Ac 8:38 "And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."** In this text we see the salvation of the Eunuch and his baptism by Phillip.

Standing still, to see the salvation of the Lord, is to acknowledge the victory is won by Christ, and not our own works. It is acknowledging that Christ has done the saving; then we take up our cross and following Jesus in the way. In other words, being born again; we are to start walking in the way of the Lord. Here are some texts to demonstrate this thought:

- **Ro 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."**
- **Ro 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."**

Walk, as used in these texts and most others in the New Testament, is from the Greek word *peripateo* (pronounced; per-ee-pat-eh'-o) and means; *to tread all around, walk at large (especially as proof of ability); to live, follow (as a companion or votary): be occupied with*. This gives us the knowledge that there is an action to be going on, not standing still.

Jesus healed the lame and told them to rise up and walk. Jesus healed the blind and gave them eyes that see. Jesus healed the deaf and gave them ears that hear. Jesus gives the born again a new heart that understands. Jesus healed all manner of sin and told them to go and sin no more.

Certainly, we get the picture by now; Jesus expects us to be walking, not standing still. Just as Jesus told Joseph and Mary in: **Lu 2:49 "wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"** What, you ask, is our business for the Father? Our business is as seen in the definition of walk above. We are to be showing forth proof that we are born-again sinners, and thereby we are sowing seeds. If we are about the Father's business, we are sowing the good seeds of the gospel of Jesus Christ and praying that they fall on good ground and bring forth much good fruit.

Certainly, there are times after we are born-again that we should stand still and see the salvation of our God but remember; we are not to sit down in the rocking chair of Grace, and forget that our duty is

to be about the Father's business. After all, Israel didn't just sit on the seashore and wait for God to carry them across the sea. Rather, they did what God commanded as God wrought the miracle of their passage through the sea. As God directed them, they walked hurriedly through the sea in the path God had prepared for them. Here are some scriptural commandments for us:

- **Ga 5:16** *"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."* We see here; we are to have a different walk than we had before our new birth.
- **Ga 5:25** *"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."* We are to walk in the way that Christ prepared for us, the church, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **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."* Paul reminds us; God created us for the purpose of walking in the godly path, forsaking the way of the ungodly.

These are just a few of the approximately one hundred times that walk is used in scripture in its various forms and definitions.

How do we know if we are to walk or stand still? If it appertains to our eternal salvation, stand still. If it is our salvation here on earth be walking, which is why we have scriptures like: **Php 2:12** *"work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."* However, don't forget, while you are working out your salvation, to pray to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, with believing hearts and minds, having steadfast faith, that God will go before you and fight your battles here on earth also. Our deliverance is always of the Lord, for our faith is not in ourselves, but our faith is in Christ, as seen in: **Heb 11:24-40**; **24** *"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. 31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. 32 ¶ And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."* All these mentioned had steadfast faith in God and Christ. Therefore, they walked in that faith and God used them mightily to bring glory and honor to his holy name. Christ has given us the bible with all the groundwork we need to teach us to wail in faith in Christ. Praise God, we have a God and Saviour, who hear our prayers and answer them, when we pray in accordance with their will and purpose. Hallelujah! Amen!