

20210509 HOW TO WALK AS JESUS DID

Deeper into Fellowship and Love Part 4

1 John 2:1-6

¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

³ We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.

⁴ The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him:

⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

TWO VERY IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL TRUTHS ABOUT THE WORLD THAT WE ARE LIVING IN RIGHT NOW

1. We must know that the enemies are the defeated ones. The enemies were beaten by our Lord. Jesus conquered them already.

Colossians 2:13-15

¹³ ...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross."

God's two glorious works in these verses

(1) There is nothing left that the enemy might use against us even if we didn't know the truth. No more written code that can be used against us by the enemies.

When Jesus died on the cross, those who were in Him also died with Him. That's why if we are in Jesus Christ, no one can condemn us. The sinner is dead. Period!

(2) The enemies have no authority to do that anymore. They are disarmed. Their ranks and their positions have been stripped away by Jesus Christ.

To use the authority of Jesus Christ, we must come under the authority of Jesus Christ. He must be received as the Lord of our life, as the Lord of my life, and as the Lord of your life.

2. The second truth that we must know about this world is that, even though the enemies have no authority, but they are still wickedly shrewd.

Revelation 12:9

⁹ The great dragon --that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray...

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER ALWAYS IN OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR VICTORIOUS LIFE

1. I must find my identity in Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:14

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

2. Jesus understands me much more than I can understand myself.

Hebrews 4:15-16

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin.

¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.