

20210516 HOW TO WALK AS JESUS DID (2)

(Our navigating strategy in the world)

Deeper into Fellowship and Love Part 5

(1 John 2:9-11, 15-17)

1. The most distinguished characteristic of life in the light

John 2: 9-11

⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.

¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

LOVE

2. How does God accomplish this character of love among His children?

Matthew 22:37-40

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Mark 12:32

"Well said, teacher, you are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

THREE PROVISIONS FOR US FROM GOD THE FATHER

(1) Jesus' authority

Matthew 28: 18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(2) Jesus as our defender

1 John 2:1

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.

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(3) The Word of God

1 John 2:3-6

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.

3. TWO THINGS TO APPLY TO OUR LIFE.

(1) Abide in Christ.

John 15:4, 9-12.

⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

(2) Grow in Christ.

2 Peter 3:18.

¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.