

**"THE TRUE CHRISTIAN WALK"**  
**EPHESIANS 4:1-5:17**

**INTRO:** If you were to receive an evaluation FROM GOD concerning your PERSONAL CHRISTIAN LIFE today, **WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE?** The scripture is very clear that **each of us as believers are to reflect Christ in our daily living.** (Philippians 1:27; 1 Thessalonians 4:12; 1 Timothy 3:7; 2 Peter 3:11). **BUT DO WE DO SO?** Simple Observation and Significant Research reveals that a huge percentage of Christianity often reflects more of the WORLD rather than the LORD.

- Simple Observation: Language, Dress, Culture, Attitudes, Actions
- Significant Research: "Christianity Today." George Barna Research

- The Lord Jesus teaches in Matthew 5:13-16 that Christians are to be the *Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World....BUT ARE WE?*
- The Apostle Paul teaches in 2 Corinthians 5:20 that Christians are to be *Ambassadors for Christ...BUT ARE WE?*
- The Epistle of Jude 3 teaches that Christians are to *Earnestly Contend for the Faith...BUT DO WE?*

**OBSERVATION**

**FROM THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE, THE LIFE STYLE OF THE CHRISTIAN IS TO CONSISTENTLY IMITATE GOD THE FATHER AND TO CONSTANTLY REFLECT GOD THE SON AND TO CONTINUALLY YIELD TO GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT . BUT SUCH IS NOT OFTEN THE CASE.**

**CHALLENGE**

**GOD EXPECTS EACH BORN AGAIN BELIEVER IN CHRIST TO LIVE LIKE CHRIST IN HIS DAILY WALK. SO LET'S STUDY THE TRUE CHRISTIAN WALK ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD.**

**DESCRIPTION**

**WHEN SPEAKING OF THE TRUE CHRISTIAN WALK THE SCRIPTURE IS DESCRIBING THE DAILY CONDUCT OF THE TRUE BELIEVER.**

***I. THE TRUE CHRISTIAN WALK IS TO BE DEFINITE - 4:1-3***

**"WALK WORTHY OF THE VOCATION WHEREWITH YE ARE CALLED"**

**(Verse 1)**

**A. The Condition of our Calling - 2 Timothy 1:9 - A "HOLY" CALLING**

- Our CALLING is from a **HOLY HEAVEN** by a **HOLY GOD** through a **HOLY SAVIOR** that is to reflect a **HOLY CHARACTER.**

**B. The Character of our Calling - Ephesians 4:2,3**

- Our LIVES are to REFLECT the QUALITIES of CHRIST'S LIFE

***II. THE TRUE CHRISTIAN WALK IS TO BE DISTINCT - 4:17-32***

**"WALK NOT AS OTHER GENTILES WALK"**

**(Verse 17)**

**A. By "Putting Off" the "OLD MAN." - Vs. 22**

1. The "Old Man" is the **useless, unconverted sinful nature corrupted by deceit.**
2. The "Old Man" is to be **stripped away as in taking off old dirty cloths which is done through repenting from sin at the point of salvation and submission to God daily.**

**B. By "Renewing the Spirit of the Mind" - Vs. 23**

-Through **applying biblical truth.**

**C. By "Putting On" the "NEW MAN." - Vs. 24**

1. The "New Man" is the **Nature of Christ in the Believer.**
2. The "New Man's" nature is to be lived out in the believer daily.

**III. THE TRUE CHRISTIAN WALK IS TO BE DIVINE - 5:1-7**

**"WALK IN LOVE AS CHRIST LOVED US"**

**(Verse 2)**

- A. By Reflecting the Love of God - Vss. 1,2
- B. By Rejecting the Sin of the World - Vss. 3-7

**IV. THE TRUE CHRISTIAN WALK IS TO BE DUTIFUL - 5:8-13**

**"WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT"**

**(Verse 8)**

- A. By Reflecting the Light of the Father - Vss. 9,10
- B. By Rejecting the Sin of the Lost - Vss. 11-13

**NOTICE**

**AT THIS POINT THE HOLY SPIRIT LED PAUL TO GIVE AN INVITATION**

**(Verse 14)**

**"AWAKE THOU THAT SLEEPEST..."**

**V. THE TRUE CHRISTIAN WALK IS TO BE DISCERNING - 5:15-17**

**"WALK CIRCUMSPECTLY"**

**(Verse 15)**

- A. By Making Wise Decisions - Vs. 15- ("Walk Circumspectly")
- B. By Buying Up Opportunities - Vs. 16-("Redeeming the Time")
- C. By Performing God's Will - Vs. 17-("Understanding the Will of The Lord")

**LESSON/APPLICATION**

- 1) To profess to be a Christian and to live like the world DISGRACES GOD.
- 2) To profess to be a Christian and to live like Christ HONORS GOD

**WHICH POINT CHARACTERIZES YOU TODAY?**