

# THE CHRISTIAN WALK

Lesson #1 –Walk in Love

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:1, 2

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Introduction:

1. Children like to mimic their parents.
2. We must walk in love as Christ has loved us.
3. We see the love of Christ in His...

## ❖ THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST –Ph 2:1-8

- Jesus humbled Himself for our needs
  - He had equality with the Father –Ph 2:5, Jn 17:5
  - He became flesh and dwelt among us –Jn 1:14
- We likewise humble ourselves for the need of others
  - Otherwise the love of Christ is not in us -1Jn 3:16, 17
  - Our faith is dead –Ja 2:14-ff

## ❖ THE PATIENCE OF CHRIST

- Jesus displayed great patience with His disciples
  - Peter walking on the water –Mt 14
  - Jesus calms the sea –Mt 8
  - The disciples forgetting to bring bread –Mt 16:5-12
  - Peter did not understand His cross –Mt 16:21-23
- We likewise must have patience with others
  - Some have not been in the faith as long as us
    - They need the milk of the word -1Pe 2:2
    - They need to progress to the meat –He 5:12-14
  - Remember their great potential
    - The Christian walk is a life-long learning process
    - Paul was encouraging to Timothy –1Ti 4:12-16

## ❖ THE FORGIVENESS OF CHRIST

- Jesus went to great lengths to forgive us
  - He offered Himself as a sacrifice before God –Ep 5:2
    - He is the Lamb of God –Jn 1:29
    - He offered Himself once for the sins of the world –He 10:10
  - His sacrifice was a sweet aroma before the Father
    - This is in alignment with the OT sacrifices
    - His sacrifice has satisfied the debt of sin once for all!
- We too must forgive our fellow man
  - With a tender heart and as Christ has done so for us –Ep 4:32
  - We have the attitude of forgiveness –Lk 17:3, 4
  - Remember: the vessel that holds the wrath undergoes more suffering than the one it is poured out upon.

Conclusion:

1. We should always have the inward desire to be like our heavenly Father.
2. God is love (1Jn 4:8). We too must walk in love before God and before the world.