THE CHRISTIAN WALK
Lesson #1 – Walk in Love
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:1, 2

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.