

Do You Live To Please JESUS CHRIST
Or
Do You Live To Please Yourself

Colossians 1:10-12

Verse 9 We covered Paul's first of 7 petitions of prayer:
Colossians 1:9-10

⁹ **For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask {1} that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all **spiritual wisdom and understanding****

In reference to Spiritual Wisdom and Spiritual Understanding. This introduces a very important principle in the condition of America today. The problem in America is not political nor is it racial. The problem in America is **SPIRITUAL**; And therefore it is individualistic... and Spiritual. We have abandoned individual responsibility in this country.

Never forget that the problems of America (and of the world) is a Spiritual problem, and that this problem is the Spiritual problem of each individual. There is no mass solution to the problem... it is **Individual** and **Spiritual**.

America has turned it's back on the Bible and is turning more and more to the koran —

- It is an INDIVIDUAL PROBLEM,
- it is a SPIRITUAL PROBLEM.

And we here in America are turning away not only from the Spiritual Solution, but are in denial of individuals problems.

Socialistic Communism: It is not the fault of a female if she gets raped after getting drunk or by dressing in a manner where she is advertising her body!!! It is not an **individual's responsibility**, rather it is the government's job to take care of us from birth to death; and we can live however we choose! And As we move away from these **two** vital points we move away from the Solution.

Those 2 points:

It is an individual problem.

It is a Spiritual problem.

Each individual must decide for himself/herself about JESUS CHRIST and then as Christians about the Holy Spirit.

Individual---Spiritual—
The Solution to both,
Individual and Spiritual,
is the Gospel of Isaiah 53.

Now in verse 10 we have three more petitions. It is worthy for us to note these petitions to serve as a guide in our own prayer lives, in praying for One Another and in praying for ourselves

¹⁰ {2} **so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,** there is so much in this one phrase. Lets first look at it grammatically. There is no **so that**.

It simply starts off with Aorist Infinitive, which is very interesting and **very important**. How are we to understand this Aorist Infinitive? It does not start off with Present tense, noting the continuation of our walk, day by day.

But instead the Holy Spirit put this in the Aorist Infinitive. Which means this looks at our lives in total. John Eadie in ***A Commentary on the Greek text of the Epistle of Paul to the Colossians*** words the impact of the Aorist Infinitive "A Christian's entire life and behavior viewed as a whole, and not individual deeds or actions".

Remember we are looking at Colossians to be prepared for the first thing after the Rapture:

Standing at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

What will be evaluated at the Seat of Christ is just that, our lives; LIVED IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Our lives—that time when we walked—LIVED BY THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Sins will not be the issue! The issue will be THE TIME WE SPENT IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

¹⁰ **to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,**

This is an Aorist Active Infinitive of the verb **peripateo** simply: **'to walk'**

The Active voice means that this will be a decision of each believer each day of his/hers life. A one shot decision of Faith in JESUS CHRIST results in being saved forever.

To a Calvinist there is no volition – God determines every choice you make. But people, you make this decision throughout everyday in your life, that is you make a decision **to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**. And just as your decision to trust or believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior results in your Salvation we will see how the decision on how you will walk today can result in your walking to be worthy of the Lord.

The KNOWLEDGE and WISDOM plus the POWER of the Holy Spirit is converted into *function*. How you *function* throughout your life.

Next, note **two ‘directions’ of desire walk: worthy of the Lord**

and then

to Please Him in all respects

Before we examine these two directions of your walk, (of what should be your desire—to walk worthy of the Lord and to please Him, not your self,)

let us take a look at the concept behind ...**walking**.

- 1 The word **‘to walk’** is a **most applicable** word for living a life pleasing to God. While **‘running’** is often used for acceleration of Christian growth, no one **‘runs’** all the time.
- Just as **walking** requires one step at a time, so **living each day worthy of the Lord** requires living one volitional decision at a time.

2 Let us develop the analogy of this word from the standpoint of the **mechanics** of walking.

Whether you are aware of it, you or your body is off balance for a second until you put your foot forward and down—and as you put your foot forward and down you move forward on balance.

As we walk each day in the **ANGELIC CONFLICT** we can most easily become off balance, but stabilized by continuing to walk by faith in Holy Spirit and growing in wisdom and understanding from the Word of God. This also brings up the mechanical point of **momentum** As we continue to walk in one direction we build up momentum in walking. *It is most interesting to watch and observe either a baby beginning to walk or someone re-learning to walk after an accident. Not that certain of lifting the foot and planting it and then lifting another, but soon they both learn to develop momentum in walking.* So it is in the Christian walk, we should desire momentum in our walk to please Him. We build this momentum by continually walking by Faith and continually growing in Wisdom and Understanding from the intake of the Word of God.

3 Here are **four spheres** of the believers walk in walking worthy of the Lord.

(1) In the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:16.

(2) By Faith 2 Corinthians 5:7

for we walk by faith, not by sight

This one is most interesting, for when we physically walk we walk by sight, but **spiritually we walk by Faith –by means of Faith in Holy Spirit.**

(3) We walk in Truth, that is we walk in the Knowledge of the Word of God as seen in 2 John 4.

I was very glad to find some not all believers walk in the truth of the Word of God **of your children walking in truth**

(4) We are to walk in Spiritual Love. Ephesians 5:1-2.

So we are to walk

in the Holy Spirit;

in Truth;

in Spiritual Love and

by Faith;

It is impossible to walk worthy of the Lord or to walk so as to please Him without walking by Faith in the Holy Spirit

Colossians 2:6 **Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.**

4 Walking therefore is a description of the Filling of the Holy Spirit.
Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:2-4

5 There are some **strong warnings** concerning how we walk as Christians: Ephesians 5:15 **Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise**

Question: How does a wise man walk? By the Power of Holy Spirit, guided by doctrine in his soul.

1 John 1:6 **If we say/claim that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;**

What about *walking in darkness*?

John 12: 35 **So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the **Light is among you**. (That is Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.) **Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.****

I am afraid that the epitaph of many Christians will read *he never knew where he was going!*

Also: John 8:12 **Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”**

Another warning: Revelation 16:15 (“**Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.**”)

Another warning that is often overlooked when studying the Christian walk. 2 Corinthians 10:3 **For though we walk in the**

flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,

The point here is that we are prone to war-battle in the **ANGELIC CONFLICT** according to how we war in the physical world, training and disciplining the flesh.

But as this passage teaches us, we do not fight in the Spiritual, invisible conflict by the flesh.

How then do we fight? 2 Corinthians 10:4

for the weapons of our warfare (spiritual and invisible) **are not of the flesh,** (visible) **but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.** Built up against us. Against your growth in Wisdom and Knowledge and Understanding of the Word of God; against your marriage, against your happiness, against walking to please Him.

So we are **not** to walk as unwise, but as wise, that is, by wisdom from the Word of God;

not to walk in darkness –that is not to walk in life outside of our position in Christ and

not walk about naked of our position in Christ.

We are not to **fight in ANGELIC CONFLICT as we walk in flesh.**

- 6 There are many descriptions in God's Word of how a believer should walk, or describing how a wise Christian will walk...live his/her life:
- . (1) Walking worthy of the Lord. Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1
 - . (2) Walking to please the Lord. Colossians 1:10
 - . (3) Walking in the Newness of life. Romans 6:4
 - . (4) Walking worthy of your calling into Christ. Ephesians 4:1
 - . (5) Walking in good works Ephesians 2:10
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 - . We will study more on 'good works' as we study more on
 - . standing before the Judgment Seat of Christ

- 7 Below are some points on walking in a manner that is worthy of the Lord. Let us just look briefly at some passages from the Old Testament.

1 Living by Faith Isaiah 40:31

Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength;

They will mount up *with* wings like eagles.

They will run and not get tired.

They will walk and not become weary.

The Hebrew word translated **to wait** is one of the strong words for Faith...

those who trust in the Lord...

will walk and not become weary,

no matter what you have walk over or through

2 Warnings from the Old Testament

Psalm 1:1 **How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,** (anti-God, anti-God's Word, anti-God's Son, Jesus the Christ.

Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

Isaiah 65:2 **"I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts,** living by the desires of the flesh verses living by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

3 Confidence of walking with the Lord:

Isaiah 43:2 **"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, (severe testing and judgment) **you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you.****

4 The love of God calls for us to walk in a manner that pleases Him: Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the LORD, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, His Word Where the good way is, and walk in it; And result you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"

Jeremiah 6:17 **"And I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'"**

Verse 19...I am bringing disaster on this people.

Wake up America!!

5 | Unfortunately, sometimes it is not wise to walk as your parents walked:

Ezekiel 20:18 **“I said to their children in the wilderness, ‘Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers or keep their ordinances or defile yourselves with their idols.”**

Another historical example is that of Amon:

2 Kings 21:20 **He (Amon) did evil in the sight of the LORD, as Manasseh his father had done.**

2 Kings 21:21 **For he walked in all the way that his father had walked, and served the idols that his father had served and worshiped them.**

2 Kings 21:22 **So (as a result of walking as his father walked) he forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.**

But sometimes parents live in a wisdom that you should follow: 1 Samuel 8:3 **His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice.**

In conclusion, the Biblical concept of **Walking** covers every area of your life, every decision you make:

If single:

- Your involvement with others and Why,
- Which college,
- Job,
- Where to live,
- Why marry this person?
- Decisions you make as to whom you will marry and why?
- Where you go to church and why?
- Financial decisions you make and why?
- What you do with your money?
- Moral decisions you make.

On and on, **Walk** covers everyday in your life—

—now notice two directions of our **Walk** as Christians

1 Colossians 1:10

¹⁰ to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects,

To walk (Aorist Infinitive of result; followed by an adverb) worthily, suitably, properly of the Lord

1 Every person who has believed in JESUS CHRIST as Savior is IN THE LORD, you are born into THE FAMILY OF God by your second birth, spiritual birth, being born from above.

2 But now the issue is that while here on earth we live according to being in Him. That we live in such a way that is suitable to our position in Christ. Unfortunately, this is not that natural or easy to understand. Many families here in America, do not demand that their children live in such a way as to honor that family.

Many excuse or deny or try to hide improper behavior. But we must remember that we now represent JESUS CHRIST to the world. He is absent, He is not here, He is sitting at right hand of God at the throne of God, so you are how people will know JESUS CHRIST.

3 To walk, live worthy or suitable to JESUS CHRIST means that we are to live according to the perfect righteousness of JESUS CHRIST. These means we live corresponding to the essence of JESUS CHRIST, that is His +R.

4 To walk, live worthy of the Lord means you have **to know** His essence, that is we have to know His +R, and the only place we can learn about His +R is from the Word of God.

5 This comes from *SPIRITUAL WISDOM and SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING* mentioned in verse 9. Biblical Wisdom and Understanding will guide you in the Power of the Holy Spirit to make choices that are fitting to your POSITION IN CHRIST.

How we live, how you live, the choices you make in life indicate the wisdom or lack thereof.

Understanding what choosing “this way or that way” will result in your life.

6 **To walk/live in a manner worthy of the Lord** (is also translated) **that honors the Lord, (or) as those in the Lord should conduct themselves.**

First we are to walk in a manner that is suitable to our position in Christ, but also we are to walk in a manner that is **pleasing to Him in all respects.**

Two points I do not want you to miss:

1st We are to live, make daily choices that are pleasing to the Lord **not that are pleasing to us.**

2nd **in all respects** (not some...) but in every aspect of our lives.

To please Him in all respects

1 Here you have it!

1 Here in one short phrase is the one guide you have in
1 your life: **to please Jesus Christ**

2 **Problem:**

2 To please JESUS CHRIST you have to know JESUS CHRIST
2 and to know JESUS CHRIST you have to spend time daily
2 in His word. That is right—daily! Oh, I know,
2 unfortunately we have only 3 services a week but you
2 have the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, you can go over
2 things we study in class, you can read the Bible.

2 Many Christians are like people in the world, they do
2 not know the other person, even their husbands and
2 wives, so they give them gifts they like, they make
2 decisions that please them and then expect the other
2 person to like these gifts or decisions and even become
2 upset when the other person does not appreciate them.

2 *People, to give a gift, to make decisions that please someone else*
2 *you have to know them and think of them in your decisions.*

2 *'I spent \$30,000 on a swimming pool for you....reply: thanks a*
2 *lot, I neither swim nor sun bath'*

2 What would this person like?

2 What does this person need?

2 You have to know and think of another person to please
2 them.

3 **First** you have to know JESUS CHRIST to please Him,
3 and this can be accomplished through the study of the
3 Word of God

3 **Second** you have to desire to please Him. This desire
3 comes from the power of God the HOLY SPIRIT—being
3 Filled with the HOLY SPIRIT.

3 **Third and important** Sacrifice

3 Often to please someone else will require sacrifice on
3 your part.

3 Are you ready to sacrifice to please JESUS CHRIST?

3 Often people do not mind sacrifice of money, just don't
3 ask them to sacrifice time! On the other hand others
3 have time but do not ask them to sacrifice money, etc.

Are you ready to sacrifice a self-pleasing life to
live a life that is pleasing to the Lord?

4 **Love!** To live your life to please the Lord you must
4 love the Lord. To Love the Lord requires **two** things:

4 **First:** The Filling of the HOLY SPIRIT for the love God is
4 looking for is a fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT. So you have to
4 know how to be Filled with the HOLY SPIRIT—by Faith
4 through Grace, that is by Faith in the HOLY SPIRIT.

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Second: Knowing JESUS CHRIST.

This requires growing in the knowledge of JESUS CHRIST by continually abiding in His Word in HOLY SPIRIT.

When you truly love someone, you desire to please them.

To please Him in all respects many people speed read past all.

Yet, pleasing Christ includes all areas of your life.

1. To walk/live worthy of the Lord is to know Word of God.
2. To walk pleasing to the Lord is to know the Lord.
3. Both of these are impossible without the Filling of the Holy Spirit.
4. To please Him in every aspect of your life: Spiritual, marriage, church, social, work, money, time, family, friends etc.

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Next we come to the 4th and 5th petition of prayer:

4th bearing fruit in every good work

5th and increasing in the knowledge of God;

¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously

¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

You have to make up your mind:

Is Christ sufficient for all your needs?

Or do you have to have other things or something else?

**This book is about the Sufficiency of JESUS CHRIST:
to God the Father;
and to you?**

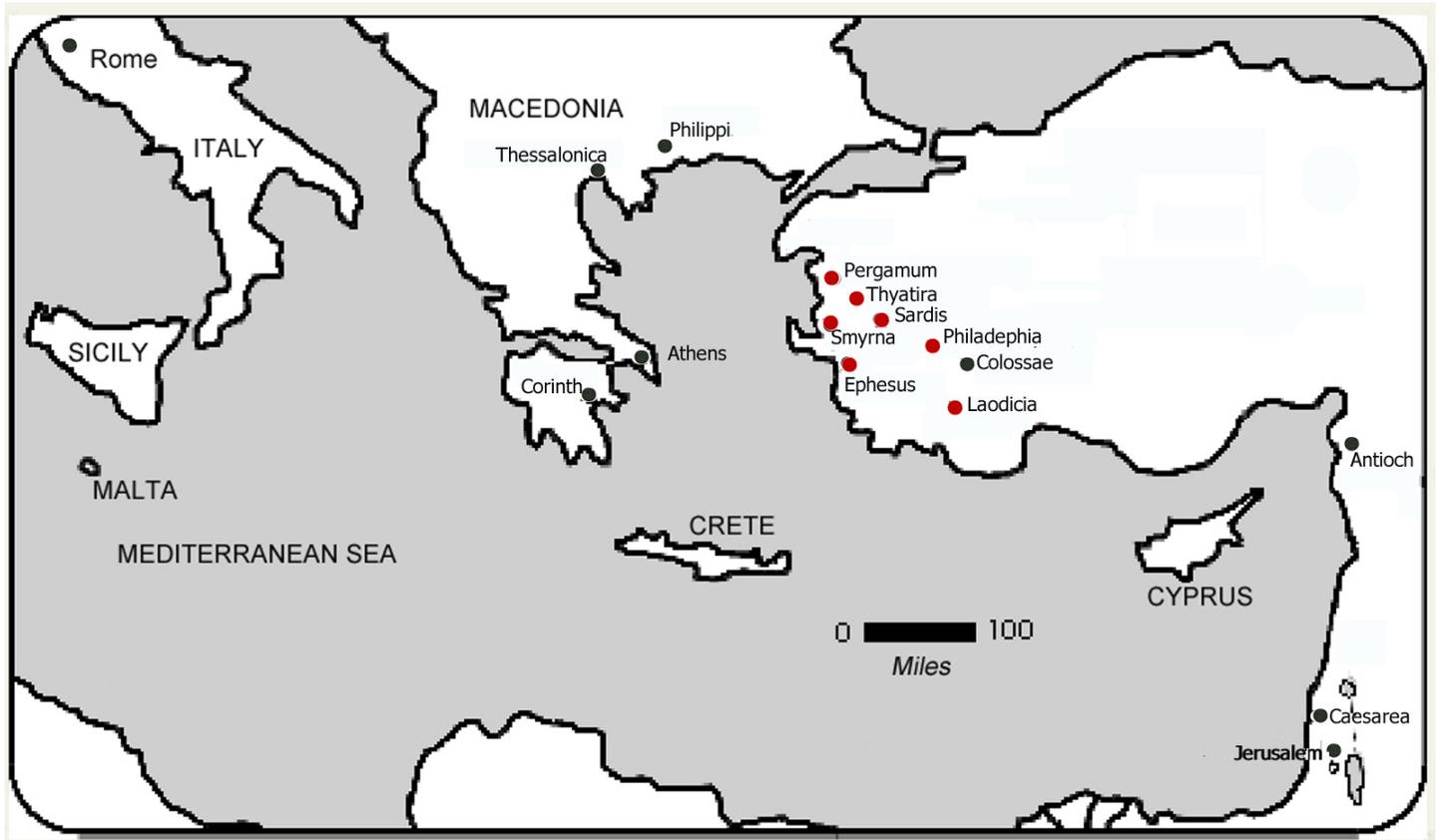
Is the Word of God sufficient for you?

Sufficient to bring you to JESUS CHRIST?

Sufficient to bring you to God the Father?

Is the World of God sufficient for **SAD** (*Stress, Anxiety, Depression*) in your life or do you need outside help?

So we learn so much from the true understanding of the Gospel.



**Only one life,'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last. "**