

Walking by Faith (Part 3) – Walking in the Spirit

Heb 10:35-11:7

³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. ³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷ For in just a very little while,

“He who is coming will come and will not delay.

³⁸ But my righteous one will live by faith.

And if he shrinks back,

I will not be pleased with him.”

³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

By Faith

11 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

His “righteous ones”:

- Live by faith (please God)
- Walk with God (Enoch, Noah, Abraham)
- Walk blamelessly (Noah, Abraham)
- Live by every Word from the mouth of God (Jesus)
- Walk in the Spirit (not in the flesh)

Live by faith:

- Want to please God (not transactional)
- Worship, sacrifice (Abel)
- Do the things that proceed from faith
- Meekness
 - Yielded to His will, His agenda

Walk with God:

- Want to see His face
 - Pure in heart – Mt 5:8
 - Holiness – Heb 12:14
- His agenda, not mine
- Disciplines of devotion

Mt 5:8

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Heb 12:14

¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord

Numbers 6:22-27

²² The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷ “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Psalm 4:3-8

Walk blamelessly:

- Fellowship with God is intact
 - No unfinished business
- Behave righteously
- Continue in grace
 - Heb 12:15 – Obtain grace
 - Gal 5:2-6 / 2 Pet 3:17-18

Heb 12:15

¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God

Ga 5:2–6

² Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³ I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴ You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

2 Pe 3:17–18

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Live by every word that proceeds from God's mouth:

- Gather fresh 'manna' every day
- Love for His word
- Live by His word
 - Faith is a response to His word
 - Faith believes God
- Do His word – obedience of faith

Walk in the Spirit:

- THE promise of the Father
- Receive by FAITH
- Relying on His power not ours – by FAITH
- The way of the Spirit is the way of faith
 - Grace, the Spirit and faith go together
 - Law, flesh and own works go together

Walk in the Spirit:

- Keep in step with the Spirit – led by Him
- Not quenching the Spirit
- Not grieving the Spirit – beatitudes

- Want to please Him
- Want to walk with Him...

We want to walk in the Spirit and seek to:

- Continually be filled with the Spirit
- Follow His agenda
 - Transform us – make us like Jesus
 - Empower us – so that we can be His witnesses
- Bear the fruit of the Spirit – Holy and blameless
- Be fruitful in the gifts of the Spirit

The way of the Spirit is the way of faith:

- Faith not flesh
 - Not relying on own works / power
 - Not gratifying the flesh – led by the Spirit
- Faith not fear / superstition
- Faith not presumption
- Faith not sentiment

Those who walk by faith always have in view:

- His agenda
- His Kingdom coming
 - On earth as it is in heaven
- His will being done
 - On earth as it is in heaven

God's vision for His people:

- A people of faith – who walk with Him (focused, encouraged, strengthened, secure, maturing)
- A people who are devoted to His word
- A people of prayer (personal and corporate)
- A people who are devoted to each other
- A people who are effective in preaching the gospel