

Walk in the Light – SMBC 2018

Scripture Text: Matthew 5:16

Walk defined:

1. Regular: Move at a regular and fairly slow pace by lifting and setting down each foot in turn, never having both feet off the ground at once.
2. Bible: used to denote a man's mode of life, or his spiritual character.

Prerequisite to walking with God: Baptism.

Amos 3:3

This morning let us example what it means to walk in the light, according to the Scriptures.

**1. Walk as Children of Light – Ephesians 5:8**

- a. Former life versus new life
  - i. We are living a new life!
  - ii. Note v. 11 – have NO fellowship
- b. Old man versus new man
  - i. Ephesians 4:22-24
  - ii. Renewed – made better
- c. I Cor. 6:9-11
  - i. Awful list of sins
  - ii. Key: v. 11 – “were”
- d. Leave the old man in the grave
  - i. Romans 6:1-4
  - ii. You wouldn't go get someone back out of the grave, why go back to that old life of sin?

**2. You are the light – Matthew 5:14-16**

- a. Jesus
  - i. John 8:12 – “I AM” Statement
  - ii. Jesus came to shine light into the darkness – John 1:1-5
- b. Paul
  - i. Imitate Christ – I Cor. 11:1
  - ii. Don't be Paul alone, be Paul imitating Christ
  - iii. Imitate? Little kids doing what the big kids do
- c. Lighthouse
  - i. Pensacola Lighthouse
  - ii. 177 steps to the top. Dad and I climbed them!
  - iii. Shines tight out 27 miles. Why? The earth curves at 25 miles.
  - iv. Goes above and beyond the call of duty! Same for us!

- d. You never know who is watching you
  - i. Sibling
  - ii. Parent
  - iii. Boss
  - iv. Teacher
  - v. Campers
  - vi. Counselor
  - vii. Boyfriend/girlfriend
  - viii. “Watching You” – God is watching you!
    - 1. 1 All along on the road to the souls true abode,  
There’s an eye watching you;  
Ev’ry step that you take this great eye is awake,  
There’s an eye watching you.
    - 2. Refrain:  
Watching you, watching you,  
Ev’ry day mind the course you pursue,  
Watching you, watching you,  
There’s an all seeing Eye watching you.
    - 3. 2 As you make life’s great fight, keep the pathway of right,  
There’s an eye watching you;  
God will warn not to go in the path of the foe,  
There’s an eye watching you. [Refrain]
    - 4. 3 Fix your mind on the goal, that sweet home of the soul,  
There’s an eye watching you;  
Never turn from the way to the kingdom of day,  
There’s an eye watching you. [Refrain]

**3. Walk in the light – I John 1:5-7**

- a. Read in context: I John 1:1-2:1
- b. There is no darkness in God!
- c. There should be no darkness in us!
  - i. I Peter 2:9 – Peculiar people
  - ii. WE CANNOT LOOK LIKE THE WORLD!
- d. Jesus has shown is the Way
  - i. John 14:6
  - ii. “He the great example is and pattern for me!”
- e. When Jesus called His Disciples, He said to “Follow Me!”
  - i. They literally dropped everything they were doing! Mark 1:16-20
  - ii. What about us today? Luke 9:23 “Daily”

How do we follow Jesus today?

1. He has given the invitation – Rev. 22:17
2. Hear – Rm. 10:17
3. Believe – Mk. 16:16, Jn. 8:24
4. Repent – Lk. 13:3,5
5. Confess – Mt. 10:32-33
6. Be baptized – Mk. 16:16, Ac. 22:16
7. Remain faithful – Rev. 2:10
8. Repent if in the wrong – Lk. 13:3,5

Who are you following right this very minute? Mom or Dad? Friend? Someone you don't know?

“Try Jesus – if you don't like Him, Satan will take you back!”

DO NOT leave this mountain not following Jesus and walking as children of light!

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