

THE CHRISTIAN WALK

We believe that the Christian life consists in an on-going, positive abiding union with the living Lord Jesus Christ. This involves living in the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit so the fruit of the Spirit is produced in your life, rather than the lusts of the flesh described below:

I JOHN 2:15-17: *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father^[a] is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*

GALATIANS 5:16-23: *So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever^[a] you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ ²⁰*

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

JOHN 15:1-17; EPHESIANS 4:22-24

We teach that believers should live in such a manner as not to bring a shadow of darkness or any confusion about their commitment to their Savior and Lord. They should separate themselves from practices and associations which detract from the Christian life and walk.

ROMANS 12:1-2: *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

ROMANS 14:13,21; II TIMOTHY 3:1-5; II JOHN 9-11.

We believe that every follower of Christ should be a faithful steward accountable to God for His time and resources.

I CORINTHIANS 16:2; II CORINTHIANS 9:6-8.

We are called to walk in holiness and Godly fear in all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

II CORINTHIANS 6:14-7:1; I PETER 1:15-16