

Walking the Walk

Eph. 4:1-6

Introduction:

- A. We can say that we are Christians but are we walking as Christians (Matt. 7:21).
- B. We must not just talk the talk, we must walk the walk – the text tells us how.

Discussion

I. With all Lowliness and Meekness (v. 2).

- A. We must possess humility to walk the walk.
- B. We would do well to learn from the return of the prodigal son (Lk. 15:14-21).
- C. Paul possessed this humility (I Cor. 15:9; Eph. 3:8)
- D. Meekness did not keep Paul from preaching boldly (Acts 14:3; 19:8; Rom. 15:15; Eph. 6:19-20).

II. With Longsuffering, Forbearing one another with Love (v. 2).

- A. Most of the time longsuffering has to do with God's toward us (II Pet. 3:9)
- B. We have the responsibility to imitate that love compassion and longsuffering toward our brothers and sisters in the kingdom (Lk. 15:22-32).
- C. Paul tells us that if we don't have love then we don't have anything (I Cor. 13:1-13).

III. Endeavoring to Keep the Unity of the Spirit (v. 3).

- A. Keep what was established by the Spirit. (Eph. 2:18)
- B. We need to do our part to keep peace among the brethren (Rom. 12:17-19).
- C. There may times when peace is not possible (Jas. 3:17; Matt. 10:34-38).

IV. Respecting the Singleness of God's Way (vv. 4-6)

- A. Recognition of these one's as the foundation of unity.
- B. No unity possible by adding to or subtracting from the one's in this text.

Conclusion:

- A. Am I walking worthily of the calling?
- B. Am I doing everything I can to keep peace among the brethren?