

THE CHRISTIAN WALK

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Good morning radio audience. My theme is "The Christian Walk". The text is found in Gen. 5:24, "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Emphasis should be placed on the word walked.

I. The Christian Walk is a walk of Separation. In time past ye walked according to the course of this world. The command from God is, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate and touch not the unclean and I will receive you." His blessing is pronounced upon the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But whose delight is in the law of the Lord."

II. It is a Walk of Regeneration. This involves a change of our sinful nature. Christ taught that we must be born again by the "New Birth" or a spiritual Rebirth. Christ told Peter if they forsook all and followed Him in regeneration that they would have an hundredfold in this life and in the end life everlasting. Paul points to the fact that we are not saved by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy we are saved, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. The man who is raised by the regenerating grace of Christ is commanded to walk in newness of life.

III. It is a Walk of Consecration and Perfection. Your time and talents are consecrated to God. Your life and service are dedicated to Him. It is not absolute perfection because that belongs to God. It is not angelic perfection because that belongs to angels. It is Christian perfection. It was God's command to Abram when he said, "Walk before me, and be thou perfect." The Psalmist said, "I will walk within my house with a perfect heart." (Ps. 101:2). Hezekiah said, "Oh Lord, remember how I have walked before thee in truth with a perfect heart." The writer of Hebrews says, "Let us go on to perfection" and "this will we do, if God permit." God not only permits us, but commands that we love Him with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and our neighbour as ourselves. Christian perfection is a perfection of love.

IV.—It is a Walk of Circumspection. (Watchful on every side). We shall be on guard as to the enemy's attacks. We shall redeem our time, because the days are evil. We shall be wise and understand what the will of God is. We shall be happy in our own souls and thankful to God. This was the apostle's advice to the Ephesians.

V. It is a Walk of Revelation. "When ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left, thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." "Where we can't trace we can trust," because God knows the way that we take.

VI. It is a Walk of a Worthy Vocation. The calling of the Christian is the very highest calling. A man in any worthy profession should live up to His calling. The Christian with the highest profession is admonished and expected to walk worthy of his vocation with all lowliness, meekness and longsuffering in love and in peace. The Christian that stoops to sin is betraying his trust,

marring his profession, and breaking fellowship with his Saviour.

VII. It is a Walk of Illumination. "The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." "If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ, his son cleanseth us from all sin." If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we are not telling and living the truth.

VIII. It is a Walk of Blessed Association. The desert has been changed into a blossoming garden. The parched land has become a land of springs and streams. The highway of holiness has been cast up for the redeemed to walk on. We have the privilege of viewing the spiritual landscape, and of associating with the Christians who have joy and gladness. We have the privilege of working with God as partner in His great firm and the privilege of walking with God as an associate in the path of life. The Christian is inspired by the presence of such an associate, by the possibilities of His grace, and the prospects of glory. God is light and love. He is righteous and holy. We must have characters like His character and a conduct that is well pleasing to Him. "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" God will set the pace of our walk. We must co-operate with His plans and purposes. We shall attend the places that He shall attend and never visit a place that we cannot take God with us. We shall desire the things that are pleasing to Him. We can say, "There is no thirsting for life's pleasures in sin for we are drinking from the pleasures of His will."

IX. It is a Walk of Victory in the Midst of Temptation. He will give grace that is sufficient or make a way of escape that we can bear it. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."

X. It is a Walk with a Glorious Consummation. If we will not defile our garments here, we can walk with Him in white hereafter. Enoch walked with God. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Without faith, obedience, love and holiness it is impossible to walk with Him and to please Him. Enoch had the testimony that he walked with God and pleased God. This walk ended in a translation that took him so he should not see death. If the Christian is pleasing to God and faithful to the end he shall not be hurt by the second death, but shall be given the crown of life beside the tree of life in the City of Eternal Life.

The Imperial University of Tokyo is one of the best-equipped educational institutions in the world. Five thousand students were recently questioned as to their religion. The replies were as follows: Confucianists, 6; Shintoists, 8; Christians, 60; Buddhists, 300; Atheists, 1,500; and Agnostics, 3,000. Of the 30,000 students in the government universities, 27,000 are reported as having no religion.—Alliance Weekly.

There is no great achievement that is not the result of patient working and waiting.—J. G. Holland.

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than material force, that thoughts rule the world.

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

WANTED—2,000,000 BOYS

Have you a boy to spare. The liquor business must have boys or it must shut up its shop. Can you find one? It is a great factory, and unless it can have 2,000,000 from each generation, for raw material, some of these factories must close up, and the operatives be thrown out upon a cold world, and the public revenue dwindle. One family out of every five must contribute a boy in order to keep up the supply. Will you help? Which of your boys will it be?

Are you a father? Have you given your share to keep up the supply for this great public institution that is helping pay your taxes and kindly electing public officers for you? Have you contributed a boy? If not, some other family has had to give more than its share. Are you selfish? Voting to keep the saloon open to grind up boys, and then do nothing to keep up the supply?

Ponder these questions, ye voters, and answer them to God to whom you will one day give an account for votes as well as prayers. And ye mothers, wives and daughters, are you, by precept, example and influence in every possible direction, doing all you can to save the boys from the enticements of the horrible liquor saloon, and to hasten the day when it shall be outlawed, and curse our fair land no more? If not, why not?

We clip the following, given as the words of an officer of the Liquor League of Ohio at a meeting in which the interests of the saloon business were being discussed:

"It will appear from these facts, gentlemen, that the success of our business is dependent largely upon the CREATION OF APETITE FOR DRINK. Men who drink liquor, like all others, will die, and if there is no new appetite created, our counters will be empty, as will our coffers. Our children will go hungry, or we must change our business to that of some other remunerative.

"The open field for the creation of this appetite is among the boys. After men have grown and their habits are formed they rarely ever change in this regard. It will be needful, therefore, that missionary work be done AMONG THE BOYS, and I make the suggestion, gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to the boys will return in dollars to your tills after the appetite has been formed. Above all things, create appetite!"

Such a statement seems absolutely fiendish; and yet, whether spoken or unspoken, the fact remains that the traffic exists only by recruits from among the boys. "WANTED, 2,000,000 BOYS," must be the constant motto of this infamous business, that a few may grow rich, and their children live in luxury, while their patrons go down to the lowest depths of degradation and poverty.

The incident herein related, which appeared in The Union Signal, has been substantiated, and we desire to hold it before the public, and especially before the fathers, until they pass judgment upon the saloon business.—Selected.

Thomas Nixon Carver, Professor of Economics of Harvard University, says: "It will be a fortunate community in which education for abstinence can keep pace with education for indulgence. They who try to educate for abstinence do not make money in proportion as their education succeeds. They who educate for indulgence have the strongest of all motives, the cash motive."—Selected