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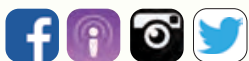


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Walking

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with God

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Scripture uses the term "walk" to describe the course of a person's life. For instance, Noah walked with God by having a relationship with Him through faith (Gen. 6:9). And John's gospel uses the phrase "walk in the Light" (1 John 1:7) to explain what is required of

those who want to follow Jesus.

To walk with the Lord in His Light, we must confess and forsake sin, pursue righteousness, and obey His commands.

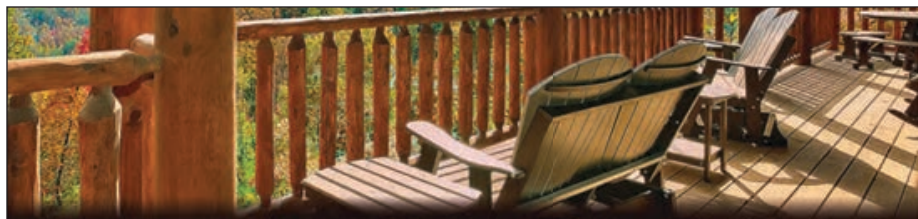
We can't claim to walk in the Light if our life is characterized by the

darkness of a sinful lifestyle or we're holding onto anger, bitterness, or resentment toward others.

Are you trying to carry old baggage into your walk with the Lord? The attitudes, habits, and conduct that were yours before Christ must be abandoned in order for you to walk with God.



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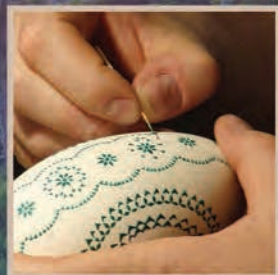
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J 3:16

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by **WILL GRAHAM**

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I believe it was something that my grandfather anticipated with great joy and peace. Why? Because he knew—with no doubt in his mind—that it wasn't the end. Death for him was just a door that must be walked through in order to get to his real and true home.

Many people fear dying because they don't know what is in store for them. They want to get to Heaven but don't know if they've done enough good things in life to warrant their place. Others openly admit that they don't believe in God, Heaven, and Hell. You live and then you die. The end.

If you hold one of these two views, it makes sense that you are afraid of dying. But please hear what I have to say next.

Since Christ has conquered death, it is now subservient to Him. Death has lost its sting (see 1 Corinthians 15:55). For those who call on the name of Jesus as Savior and Lord, death is the friend that opens the door and introduces us to eternity in Heaven.

Therefore, the real question isn't about life and death—it's about Jesus and what you're going to do with Him.

It's not about being "good enough." Rather, it's a matter of accepting Jesus' free gift of salvation, paid for by His sacrificial death on the cross (taking your sins and mine) and His victory over the grave. Ask Christ to forgive you of your sins and be the Master of your life.

Like my grandfather, you can have the peace of knowing that when your time on Earth is done, you will be in Heaven and see Jesus face to face. Don't wait another minute—surrender your life (and death) to Him today!

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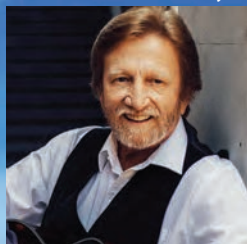


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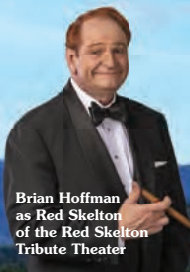
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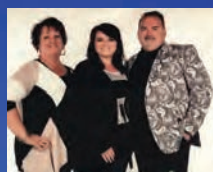
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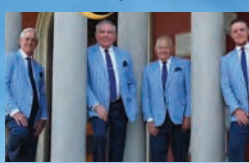
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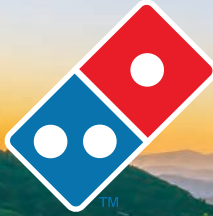
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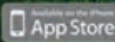
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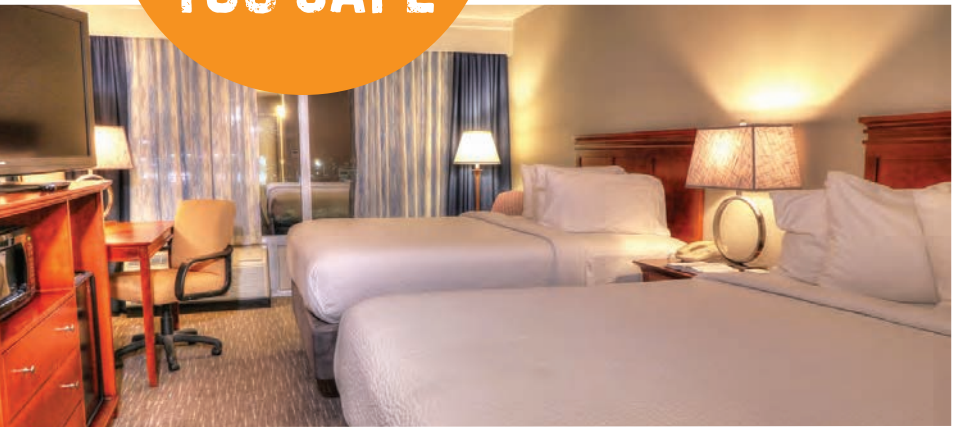


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