1Thess #60

How the Christian walks after salvation.

Let us open today in 1Thessalonians chapter four.

Our brother in Christ, Jason, is going forward into rehabilitation - so that is good news that I received recently.

We will read the first five verses of 1Thess 4, to get started. But just in verse one we have a lot of BD to look into.

Let us read through into verse 5 and begin.

/1Thes 4:1 Finally then, brothers *and sisters,* we request and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received *instruction* from us **as to how you ought to walk and please God** (just as you actually do walk), that you excel *even* more.\

The instruction was the Apostle Paul’s first set of teachings when he spent nearly 5 weeks there establishing this congregation, and also the back- up teaching of Timothy.

[1Th 4:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/2/s_1115002) For you know what instructions we gave you by *the authority of* the Lord Jesus.

[1Th 4:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/3/s_1115003) For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is,* that you abstain from sexual immorality;

This area of Thessalonica was a popular city and held a strong Greek culture. The majority of this culture who participated in many forms of false idol worship.

One was sexual perverse rituals in temples and brothels across the city.

[1Th 4:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/4/s_1115004) that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

[1Th 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/4/5/s_1115005) not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

Often times the apostles used the term Gentiles for pointing out Unbels.

/1Thes 4:1 - *we request and urge you in the Lord Jesus*

This is a Greek, present tense to emphasize the importance and the repetition that the Apostle Paul and his men will keep requesting these Bels. \

The Apostle Paul is pivoting into very serious matters, in relation to spiritual growth for the Bels at Thessalonica.

Chapters one and two of 1Thess showed his grateful spirit toward these Bels and his earnest desire for more fellowship and teaching face to face to these Bels.

Now the tone is going to get slightly more serious and even corrective or parental.

This is instruction and warning;

/1Thes 4:1 - *as to how you ought to walk (peripateō) and please (areskō) God,*

To regulate or guide your life in a direction. A direction that will fulfill the will or desire of GOD.\

PERRI-PETET-O, The word *“to walk”* here is a present active infinitive, it expresses purpose.

This word for walk means - occupation or to emphasize your lifestyle.

ARE-SS-KO, means you are following the desire or attempting to please or satisfy something or someone.

All Bels are called to walk in a manner – a lifestyle of growth, to be spiritually active after salvation.

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*“and to please God” — “to please*” is a present active infinitive denoting a continual or habitual purpose.

The active voice means we do it. It is possible for the Believer in this life to please God.

It cannot be done in the flesh.

The Apostle Paul often used this term – *to walk*, in a command form, imperative mood.

I want to take you thru many of the scriptures where the Apostle Paul teaches about walking in a certain manner.

It answers the question of – after salvation…now what??!

Galatians 5:16 tells us to — *“Walk in the Spirit.”*

Walking in the Spirit is the filling power of the Holy Spirit, and as you are filled with the Spirit you are fulfilling the purpose for which you were called to after salvation.

/Gal 5:16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Present, active imperative. The active voice points to the Bels responsibility. Present tense, means habitually (always) and the imperative mood is a command or serious nature.\

2Corinthians 5:7 — “*Walk by faith and not by sight.”*

Faith refers to the faith-rest technique. Bels are called to grow up and apply faith rest in their walk.

/2Cor 5:7 for **we walk by faith,** not by sight—

Present active, indictive. The indictive mood is a matter-of-fact statement. Certainty, it is happening or already happened.\

There is a certainty in the indictive mood…it will happen or it is about to happen.

Ephesians 5:2 — “*Walk in love*.” This is not sentimental, emotional love, it is the filling of the Spirit, divine love, love for everyone, love for the unlovely.

It is Godly love (virtue love).

/Eph 5:2 **and walk in love**, **just as Christ also loved you** and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Pres, act, imp – a command, to walk in impersonal, unconditional love that the humanity of Christ walked in during His earthly ministry.\

The life of the humanity of Jesus Christ is our protocol, it is the template we are to walk in.

Colossians 4:5 — *“Walk in wisdom.”* Wisdom is the application of Bible doctrine to our life.

WALK by the mind of Christ!

/Col 4:5 **Conduct yourselves** (*peripateō)* **with wisdom** toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

Bible doctrine is the source of wisdom. Knowledge accepted and learned becomes wisdom for application. \

Even the Apostle John used this term - to walk.

1John 1:7 — “*Walk in the light*.”

Walk in the Word of God.

The Word is light, not only is Christ the Light of the world (salvation) but the Bible is a light.

Walk in the light of divine viewpoint.

/1Jhn 1:7 but **if we walk in the Light** as **He Himself is in the Light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

***IF*** – 3rd class condition, there is a probability (future tense), yet the choice is on the Bel. The opportunity is in front of us, yet free will dictates the outcome.\

Divine viewpoint begins with adjusting to the justice of GOD – that is why John wrote, *the blood of Christ washes us from sin.*

All Bels become responsible for naming and citing sins and taking the word of GOD seriously.

That is why it is written in that 3rd class condition which is a probability and usually refers to a decision in front of us.

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This is why I teach the importance of understanding free will not only at salvation but after salvation.

Ephesians 4:1 — “***Walk worthy of the calling.”***

Every Believer has a vocation a ministry or calling, he or she is personally in full-time Christian service.

Many Christians kick against this calling but it is exactly what you are called into at salvation.

All Bels represents the Lord Jesus Christ on earth.

God has a purpose for the Believer’s life.

/Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, **urge you to walk in a manner worthy** of the calling with which you have been called,

This is a strong warning and command that ALL Bels are called into.\

There are several New Testament Words for Walking.

The Greek word PERIPATEO means to walk or to walk around. It is used for literal walking in Mat 4:18.

But it is used primarily for the function of the protocol plan of God in the Church Age in such passages as Rom 6:4; Gal 5:16; Eph 5:2.

/ PERIPATEO - is used for the operational protocol of the carnal Christian as well, pointing to a lifestyle;

1Cor 3:3 for **you are still fleshly**. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and **are you not walking**like *ordinary* people?

 (Phil 3:18) \

Another Greek word - STOY-HAYO, is also a term to walk or have a lifestyle in a certain manner.

/The Greek word *Stoicheō* means to march in step, to march in military rank, to walk in agreement with, to function in a system, to follow a leader. It is used in the NT primarily for functioning in a system and advancing in that system to spiritual maturity. \

It is used for living under the authority of God’s plan in Gal 5:25.

It is used for the pattern of salvation by faith in Christ (walking by faith) in Rom 4:12.

/Rom 4:12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, **but who also follow** (*stoicheō)***in the steps**of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

Marching and forward motion in a military fashion.\

STOY-HAYO, marching in military fashion.

It is used for following the rules of the new spiritual nature in Gal 6:16 and Phil 3:16.

Another Greek word for lifestyle or to walk in is - PAR-ROO-OH.

/The Greek word *poreuō* means to go, to proceed, to travel, to conduct oneself in a certain manner, to live, and to walk. It is used for national degeneration in Acts 14:16.\

Used in Act 14 - pointing us to a nation or a group of people who reject God.

When a nation pushes away from GOD or never allows God’s word to saturate the land it ends in moral, spiritual and financial degeneration.

/Act 14:16 “In past generations He permitted all the nations **to go their own ways (*poreuō)***

Reaping what we sow is what happens when our lifestyle choices push away from God.\

PAR-ROO-OH, to carry on a journey, that journey can be positive or negative.

It is used for the carnal life pattern of the Unbel in 1 Pet 4:3;

/1Pet 4:3 For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, **having pursued a course** of indecent behavior, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties, and wanton idolatries.

 (Jude 16,18; 2Pet 2:10, 2Pet 3:8) \

It is used for occupation with the person of Jesus Christ on the part of Believers in Acts 9:31.

/Act 9:31 So the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed peace, as it was being built up; and **as it continued** (*poreuō*)in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it kept increasing.

This is a positive journey.\

 The next NT Greek word also points to a lifestyle – ANN-OH-STRATH-O

/This word *anastrephō* originally meant to be upset in the Attic Greek. Also, to be overrun, or to associate. Its figurative meaning was to behave or to react in terms of human conduct; also used for the practice or conduct of principles or standards. It is used for the conduct and the lifestyle of the Unbel in Eph 2:3. It is used for the motivation for Christian integrity in Heb 13:18. \

Many of these terms for walking or practicing and pointing to a lifestyle can be both positive or negative.

/Heb 13:18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring **to conduct ourselves** (*anastrephō)* honorably in all things.

This is the right motivation and application of Christian values. \

ANN-OH-STRATH-O, to conduct or behave in a certain manner. Speaking to motivations that lead to actions.

It is used for the operation of the old sin nature in Eph 4:22. It is used for life and conduct in the PPOG in 2 Pet 3:11.

The other Greek word which means to walk in a straight line is - ORTHA-PADAY-O, it is a root word where we get or our English, medical term orthopaedics from.

The word *orthopodeō* means to walk straight.

It was sometimes used for legalistic attitudes and to sometimes highlight hypocrisy, such as in Gal 2:14;

/Gal 2:14 But when **I saw that they were not straightforward** (*orthopodeō)* about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, “If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how *is it that* you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?

To walk upright or righteously. \

The reality is each day we arise we are either walking toward spiritual maturity or going backward toward the OSN.

After salvation we are called into service – we are called to walk in a new nature.

Your journey inside the plan of GOD after salvation should slowly get closer to resembling the life of Jesus Christ.

The life Jesus lived was for our example – HE will not force you into it. Yet you will miss out on blessings, crowns and rewards if you refuse to allow the water of the WORD of GOD to wash over you and change your life after salvation.