

PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A CARNAL WORLD

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 12:16-21

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BY THE WAY YOU WALK

Developing and maintaining your new life in Christ.

Part 2

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Introduction to the Text: 2 Corinthians 12:16-21

The Bible tells us - about the nature, and character of God, and what we can fathom of His greatness. That said, we are limited, finite beings who have been created by the Unlimited, Infinite God of All.

The Bible says that He has spoke...

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2** has **in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

The Bible says that He has revealed Himself...

John 14:5-7

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" **6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. **7** "If you had **known Me**, you would have **known My Father** also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

The Bible says that He has come down to us...
Simply put, The Bible says that "God desires you to walk with Man"

Genesis 3:8

And they heard the sound of the LORD God **walking** in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from **the presence** of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

1 John 1:7

But if we **walk** in the light as He is in the light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

You Can Be Identified by Your Walk.
- So it is true for the Christian as well.

2 Corinthians 12:16-21

But be that as it may, I did not burden you. Nevertheless, being **crafty**, I **caught** you by **cunning**! **17** Did I take **advantage** of you by any of those whom I sent to you? **18a** I urged Titus, and sent our brother with him. Did Titus take **advantage** of you? **18b** Did we not **walk** in the **same spirit**? Did we not walk in the **same steps**? **19** Again, do you think that we **excuse** ourselves to you? We speak before God in Christ. But we do all things, **beloved**, for your **edification**. **20** For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be **contentions**, **jealousies**, **outbursts** of **wrath**, selfish **ambitions**, **backbiting's**, **whisperings**, **conceits**, **tumults**; **21** lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not **repented** of the **uncleanness**, **fornication**, and **lewdness** which they have **practiced**.

BY THE WAY YOU WALK

1.) They can tell by your witness v. 16-18a

1a.) By your Christ like example v. 16-17

1b.) By your integrity toward others v. 18a

1c.) By your fear of the Lord v. 18a

Proverbs 3:7b

Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

You and I are very much responsible for how people view God.

The possibility of "Disqualification" is a real and terrifying reality to the Christian.

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: **15** looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

**BY THE WAY YOU WALK
THEY CAN SEE BY YOUR PASSION**

2.) They can see by your passion

v. 18b-19

2a.) As you walk in the same spirit

v. 18b

18b Did we not **walk** in the **same spirit**?

The “**Walk**” here means

περιπατέω peripateo, *per-ee-pat-eh'-o*; from to tread all around, to walk before the public, or in plain view. to be known openly.

Note that Paul say's “the same **(s)**pirit”

This is not the Holy Spirit, but my spirit, your spirit – the eternal you.

Here's His Grand Assumption,

Because we are led by God the Holy Spirit, we are naturally-supernaturally united within our spirit = **together as one !**

Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' **doctrine** and **fellowship**, (*koinonia - together as one*) in the **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done

Romans 8:14

For as many as are **led** (*guided, directed, “trimmed”*) by the Spirit of God, = these are sons of God.

“Once you have become a Christian and the Holy Spirit

goes to work in you from the inside out, He does His sanctifying-work in seemingly “little Ways = No longer by the Rudder, now by the Trim Tab.”

How Can You Know If You Are a Real, Heaven Bound Believer?

Galatians 5:16-18

I say then: **WALK IN THE SPIRIT**, and you shall not fulfill (*not going to happen*) the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts (*burns*) against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary (*at war*) to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are **led** by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
= no condemnation

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Galatians 5:21-25

22 But **THE FRUIT** (proof) **OF THE SPIRIT** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **24** And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk in the Spirit**.

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Galatians 5:19-21

19 NOW **THE WORKS OF THE FLESH** are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not **know** (common knowledge) that the **unrighteous** (those separated, the wicked) will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be **deceived**. No fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, **10** nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Have you ever had a thought regarding any one of these sins?

Matthew 5:27-28

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' **28** But **I say to you** (thus saith the LORD) that whoever looks at a **woman/man** to lust for **her/him** has already committed adultery with **her/him** in his heart.

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

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