

Lesson 27
Walking In Him
Col 2:6-7

Col 2:6-7 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. KJV

I. The Full Title

1. Christ Jesus the Lord is used only **twice** in the New Testament. 2 Cor 4:5
2. Christ the **MESSIAH**, the Anointed One; him of whom the prophets wrote; and in whom resides the expectation, he is the glory, of Israel. PS 45:7
3. He proclaimed him as JESUS, born of a virgin and **born in the flesh**, to be the long-expected Messiah. Matt 1:21-23.
4. LORD. The great Ruler who has all power in **heaven and earth**; who made and governs the world. Matt 28:18

II. Walking In Christ

1. The greatest occupation of those who have received Christ ought to be to **walk in him** –What does it mean that we should walk in Him?
 - a. To walk in Him by **faith**: believing, trusting and relying upon Him John 14:6; Rom 1:17; 2 Cor 5:7
 - b. To walk in Him in the **spirit**: Worshiping in spirit; directed by His word; yielding to His will. John 4:23-24
 - c. To make our practices **conformable** to His principles and ways. Is 2:5; Micah 4:2; Eph 4:1; 1Thes 4:1
 - d. To value our union with Christ to such an extent that it **shapes** our daily footsteps. 2 Cor 5:14-15; Gal 2:20; 1 John 2:6
 - e. To realize our **dependence** upon Him and to stay in communion with Him. John 15:5
 - f. To remain **vigilant** to the temptations and plots of our enemy to tarnish our service toward God. Phil 1:27-29; 1 Peter 5:8-9
2. The more closely we walk with Christ the more we are rooted and established in the faith and Christ is **formed in us**. Gal 4:19

III. Digging Deeper:

1. Our walk in Christ has two aspects: 1. Positional; 2. **Experiential**
2. Positionally, we do **nothing**, it is all accomplished by God.
3. Experientially, there are things that are **relatively easy** to accomplish and we do them more or less as a matter of course in our daily lives. (See a-f above)
4. However, many have suggested that there is another level of spiritual development and commitment that goes beyond mere **compliance**.
5. This level elevates the believer beyond the “**self**” and into Christ where He becomes our “**life**” in an experiential sense. Gal 2:20

“When you let go of all that is standing in His way you will find yourself swept into Him.” Madame Jeanne Guyon: *Spiritual Food for Hungry Hearts*, vol. III

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IV. Application: From the *theoretical* progression of “walking in” Christ depicted below:

1. Carefully consider what is involved in reaching each level and list some ingredients.
2. Think through what some of the obstacles and barriers are at each level.
3. Identify which “level” most often reflects your own spiritual development.
4. Identify the missing ingredients in your walk with Christ.
5. Confess those things to God.

Level: Description of what is involved	Obstacles & Barriers
I know about Christ.	
I have faith in Christ	
I understand the doctrine of Christ.	
I desire to live Christ.	
I am crucified with Christ	
I abide in Christ and He abides in me.	