

On the Way of Becoming a Christian

Hebrews 11:5-6

Genesis 5:18-32

Philippians 3:12-16

WARNING!

God Is Who He Says He Is

Is God Serious About YOUR Sin?

A Believer's Unsearchable Riches in Christ (Ephesians 3:8-9)

What Is Your Part? (Mark 1:14-15)

• REPENT & BELIEVE

• Present tense; imperative mood, active voice.

- PRESENT TENSE: These are what Christians do all the time, every day.
- IMPERATIVE MOOD: Christ is not inviting; He is commanding. These are things we **must** do.
- ACTIVE VOICE: These are things **we ourselves** must do all the time.

A Gate and A Way (Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:24)

(Luke 13:24) "Strive" - ἀγωνίζομαι *agonizomai* {ag-o-nid'-zom-ah-ee}

- The gate is narrow. You must forsake all. (Luke 14:33)
- Salvation does not end at the gate. The gate is only the entrance/beginning.
- Salvation is all about the beginning, the end and everything in between.
- Those who persevere to the end are saved. (Matthew 10:22; 24:13; Hebrews 3:6, 14; 6:11; Colossians 1:21-23)
- It is the WAY that leads to eternal life. Those who do not walk the way do not get to life!!
- What is THE WAY? It is God's will. God's will is His Word.
- God has given us HIS WRITTEN WORD to guide us along THE WAY. (Psalm 119:105; 19:8; 43:3; **Proverbs 6:23**)



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Enoch Walked with God (Genesis 5:24; Jude 14-15)

- "seventh from Adam" – Jude 14 - through Seth - the godly line.
 - As opposed to the third from Adam through Cain – the "ungodly" line. (Gen 4:17)
 - Preacher for his times – notice his emphasis on the word "ungodly." Jude 14-15
 - His times: Genesis 6:5
 - Our times: Matt 24:37-44; 2 Tim 3:1-5; 2 Tim 4:3; 1 Tim 4:1.
- "walk" signifies:
 - a **voluntary** act - a **steady advance** - a **progress**
- Our "walk" is our life. "To walk" means "to live."
- Before Enoch walked with God:
 - He walked "according to the course of this world." Ephesians 2:2; John 7:7: 15:19; Romans 12:2; Galatians 1:4; James 4:4; 1 John 5:19.
 - He walked in his "own way." Isaiah 53:6; 55:7; Romans 3:12
- After Methuselah's birth, Enoch no longer walked as above, but **with God**.
- Enoch **walked** with God **300** years.
- "walked with God" implies:
 - ① Enoch, a sinner and enemy of God, was now **reconciled** to God. (2 Cor 5:20; Romans 5:10-11)
 - Only when two agree can they walk **together**. (Amos 3:3)
 - His mind, heart, and will were **transformed!** (Romans 12:2)
FAITH/GRACE TRANSFORMS! People can see the transformation!!
 - ② Enoch **surrendered** his life to God. His name means "dedicated". Enoch had to submit and conform himself **to GOD** – it could never be the other way around.
He walked **humbly** with God. (Micah 6:8; Isaiah 57:15)
 - ③ Enoch's life was **controlled by God's word**. Faith presupposes **revelation from God!** (Romans 10:17) He **lived** by faith and not sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7) He did not live by culture, tradition, opinions of others, **but** by the **Word of God**. (Matt 7:21; 12:50; Luke 11:28)
 - ④ Enoch lived **for** God. He lives a life of **separation**. He chose God and not the world. (James 4:4; John 15:19; 1 John 2:15-16) He chose **holiness and not worldliness**. (1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 Thess 4:7; 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4)
 - ⑤ Enoch **persevered** in his walk – his walk was his life! He walked with God for **300** years! He did not quit, give up, become sluggish or lazy, walk away, etc. (Hebrews 6:11)
 - Enoch's faith was NOT an easy FAITH.
 - He walked with God for **300** years!
 - He walked with God during very **ungodly** times. (See Genesis 6:5; Jude 14, 15)

- ⑥ Enoch's walk was with **absolute courage and confidence**. (Psalm 23:3-4; 3:6; 27:1-4; 118:6; Isaiah 41:10; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)
- ⑦ Enoch's walk was a walk **opposed** by the world. (John 15:20; Acts 14:22; Philip. 1:29)
 - The more he walked with God the more he **hated** sin. (Psalm 119:104, 113, 128, 163)
 - He walked in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7; 2 John 4; 3 John 4; Ephesians 5:8; Philippians 2:15).
 - He was not afraid to preach against the darkness and to expose darkness. (Ephesians 5:11)
 - When we walk with God we call sin what it is. Others may call it "a failure," "a mistake," "a short coming," "a weakness", etc. Others may excuse it. **BUT those who walk with God hate sin and call it treason, rebellion, evil, ungodly, etc. and are not ashamed to do so!**

Translated! (Hebrews 11:5)

- "translated" is the KEY word in this verse in that it is used 3 times.
- μετατίθημι metatithemi {met-at-ith'-ay-mee} – "to pass over"
- (Colossians 1:13) God has **translated us** into the kingdom of His dear Son."
- (John 5:24) Those who believe have already "**passed over**" death unto life.
- (1 John 3:14) We know that we have "**passed**" from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother/sister abides in death.
- Enoch's translation teaches us some important truths:
 - Those who believe live in such a way that their affections and thoughts are on things above **NOW** because of faith. (Colossians 3:1-3)
 - When a sinner is saved through faith he is **immediately** "*translated*" out of this world into the presence of God. (Ephesians 2:6)
 - There is LIFE after death! This is real **HOPE**.
- Some other truths taught by Enoch's translation:
 - ① God is **sovereign** over death and life.
 - ② God's plan for Abel was **martyrdom**, but His plan for Enoch was **translation**.
 - ③ What God did for Enoch He has promised to do for an entire generation of His people. (1 Corinthians 15:51)
 - ④ As Enoch was translated body and soul, all will spend eternity with body and soul – either in Heaven or in Hell.
 - ⑤ Godliness does not guarantee long life. Others in Genesis lived longer than Enoch.
- **BEFORE** his translation, Enoch, **PLEASED GOD**.
 - One pleases God by living (obeying) the will of God. (Colossians 1:10;)
 - An unsaved person **cannot** please God! (Romans 8:8)

- We are to be God-pleasers and not people pleasers – even in our work places. (Ephesians 6:6; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; Galatians 1:10)
- Children obeying their parents please God – this we must teach our children. (Colossians 3:2) Disobedient children are NOT pleasing to God.
- We are to live our lives to please God. (1 Thessalonians 4:1)
- Obedience pleases God. (1 John 3:22)

We Are Commanded to Walk with God (Micah 6:8; Deuteronomy 10:12-13)

The Gate and the Way (Matthew 7:13-14)

- THE WAY is a life of **pursuing** . . . διώκω dioko {dee-o'-ko} - "to run swiftly in order to catch someone or something"; "to seek after eagerly, earnestly to acquire" ALL Christians **pursue** . . .
 - Holy living in the fear of God. (Hebrews 12:14; 2 Corinthians 7:1)
 - Peace with all men, especially your brothers and sisters. (Hebrews 12:14; Romans 14:19; 1 Peter 3:11)
 - Agape love for our brothers and sisters and our enemies. (1 Corinthians 14:1; Matthew 5:44)
 - Those things that edify one another. (Romans 14:19; 15:2; Eph 4:29)
 - The good for all. (1 Thessalonians 5:15)
 - Righteousness (1 Timothy 6:11; Matthew 5:6; 6:33; Rom 10:3)
 - Godliness (1 Timothy 6:11; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; Titus 2:12)
 - Faith (1 Timothy 6:11; Luke 17:5; Acts 16:5)
 - Gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11; Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 4:5)
 - Endurance/Perseverance/Patience (1 Timothy 6:11; **Matt 10:22**; 13:21; 24:13; Mark 13:13)
- The WAY is a life of denying self, taking up your cross daily, and following Christ. (Luke 9:23)
- **ONLY** those who follow/obey Christ have eternal life. (John 10:27-29; Hebrews 5:9; 1 Peter 4:17; 2 Thess 2:8; 1 John 2:3-4; Matthew 7:21-23)

What I Am NOT Saying and What I Am Saying