

# Walk Accurately

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I firmly believe that as the Last Days increasingly take hold, the books to the Ephesians and Colossians will be very important to understand. They are books of eternal wisdom and books of maturity for the End Time saints.

In Ephesians we find Christ depicted as **Lord of the Church**. In Colossians we find Him as **Lord of the Universe**.

So why is the Book of Ephesians for example, so important to us? Because in it is summed up the **Conflict of the Ages**. In Ephesians we can find the issue of **The Truth versus The Lie**, as well as the **New Man versus the Old Man**.

The assembly/church of the One Body (the church of the Mystery that Paul refers to in Ephesians and Colossians) has been delivered from the authority of darkness and positioned (placed) into the Kingdom of God's Son.

This very act repudiates "The Lie" that Satan so regularly spits out.

We've been lifted up from earthly things to heavenly things. This is the Father's Grace; hence it's called the Kingdom of Grace. But do we just rejoice in this wonderful truth and remain passive about it? No of course not, but there are actions and works to take – not in the religious sense, but in the spiritual, because of Christ's eternal working.

By Christ we have the Old Man to PUT OFF, and the New Man to PUT ON. This is done by the grace of the Lord and the in-working of His Spirit in us.

- We put off our former conduct (Eph 4:22)
- We put on a Righteous and Holy Conduct (vs 24).

Eph 4:25 says “putting away lying”. In the Greek it literally has reference to “the putting away of **THE** lie”. This was the lie spoken by satan in the garden and which permeates all falsehood from then on (John 8:44). So we see that truth and lying are in direct contrast. One truth to come from this is that the Body of Christ declares Truth as against THE lie that satan, religion and philosophy pronounce.

Read Ephesians 4:25-32. Our new life is to be one that affects our Mouth, our Actions, and even our Tone of Voice. All these “show up “the lie” and make it be seen for what it is.

As we go on in Ephesians we’re given practical truth by Paul. He expresses this as a WALK; in fact he uses this imagery seven times in Ephesians (2:2 / 2:10 / 4:1 / 4:17 / 5:2 / 5:8 and 5:15). Let’s look at three of the most important.

- Walk in love as children of **LOVE** (5:1-2)
- Walk as children of **LIGHT** (5:8)
- Walk circumspectly as **WISE** (5:15)

Concerning “love”; this contrasts with the works of the flesh (vss 3-4).

Concerning “light” we learn to discern what is acceptable to the Father; what please Him. In Ephesians 5:9 there is mention of “the FRUIT of the light”. In the natural world light produces fruit, while darkness brings a lack of fruit, barrenness. So too in the spiritual.

Concerning “wise” (5:15-17) the context shows we are to be careful and make the most of our allotted time on earth (“redeeming the time”) and to “understand what the will of the Lord is”. That’s quite blunt! Put together these verses indicate that the Wise Ones will know about time and timing. A very important requirement for these last of days.

I encourage you to re-read Ephesians SLOWLY and with an open heart. Let its wonderful eternal truths resonate within your heart. Try reading it through in one hit rather than just passages here and there. Note the eternalness of it, the profound insight and the glory it portrays. Join with Paul in prayer just as he wrote:

(1:18) I pray that **the eyes of your heart may be enlightened**, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

The highlighted text (“the eyes of your heart may be enlightened”) actually means to come to a place of enlightenment AND REMAIN THERE! Oh wouldn’t it be wonderful to live this truth out day by day; to come (by the Spirit) to a place of enlightened truth, and to actually REMAIN in it, living it daily, knowing it constantly, and experience its reality until our time here ends – and then, to abide in and within it eternally!

And why is this so very important? “**So that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints**” (vs 18).

What a stupendous truth! May it indeed be ours more and more!