

Wednesday in the Word

Digging Deeper

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Walk Like a Christian

1 John 2:3-6 KJVS

[3] And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. [4] He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. [5] But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. [6] He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

We can jump right into this. Verse 3. Knowing Jesus speaks specifically of the following according to Thayer; to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of, perceive, feel, to become known, to know, understand. It is a full and complete personal knowledge of our Savior which is bestowed on us through the Indwelling Holy Spirit. John 14:17, 17:3. This does not and cannot describe the unsaved. 1 John 3:6. Next, what are His commandments? First, what parameters surround this concept? John 14:15, 21, 15:10. The only requirement in knowing Him and keeping His commandments is loving Him. Next, His commandments are these; John 15:12-14. Sacrificially loving one another... Look around the room... These are the people we are to love to death. That's it! What about the ten commandments? Nope. If you truly love, you will not and cannot sin against these people. More on this later. Verse 4 pretty much draws that line in the sand. No love = no truth. What is truth? Pilate asked that question. John 18:37-38. Judging by Jesus' words in verse 37, Pilate immediately disassociated himself from the Truth. Better question might be Who is Truth? John 14:6, 17:17. Truth, here refers to something not hidden. Something revealed. The Old Testament God seemed always a mystery. Jesus came to us to reveal Him to us in a close and personal way. John 1:14, 18, 1 Timothy 3:16. If we had all night we could add much scripture here. Jesus made the Eternal God known to us. Hallelujah!

Verse 5 tells us to 'keep His Word'. How? Deuteronomy 17:19 and 2 Kings 23:3 tell us to keep the commandments but we already established that Jesus changed all that. The Greek will help us here. To keep is to attend to carefully, take care of, to guard. His Word is what He has said, thought, implied, reasoned and intended and specifically is the Divine Expression, that is, Christ. John 1:1-5, 12-18. All the expression of Almighty God is contained and embodied in Christ and we are to carefully guard our knowledge of and relationship with Him. He has sealed us in the Holy Spirit so for all the effort it seems we must expend, He has already done all there is to do. How do we keep His Word? We don't. He does. We rest in Him. Hebrews 4:9-10, (Read Hebrews chapter 4 on your own for a deeper discussion of our rest in Christ) Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 11:28. The love of God is perfected or completed or accomplished in us by and through Christ and His finished work. John 19:30. By the way, the cross was the finish of the work of Christ but was not the full scope of what He accomplished. Our salvation, redemption, propitiation, sanctification and glorification comprise the busy schedule He has endured since our creation. More and more we must attempt to fully comprehend the value of this God-man and His infinite worth to us. Herein is worship. Ephesians 3:14-21.

Verse 6 tells us to walk as Christ did. To walk is to "tread all around" or to progress. Jesus moved with purpose and determination. Luke 9:51, John 9:4. So must we. Hebrews 12:1b, Romans 13:12.