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Introduction

The Word of God tells us that Enoch walked with God. If Enoch could walk with God, then why don't we also walk with God?

What would happen if we would walk with God? God is not a respecter of persons, that means, what God did for Enoch He will also do for you and I. If He does not do the same for you and I, then God would be a liar, just like the devil. But, we know God is not a liar, so let us see what we must do to walk with God.

One of the first things we should understand about walking with God is the question asked in Amos 3:3, **“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”** God is not going to change. Therefore, if we are to walk with God we must change. We must come into agreement with God's Word. Then we can walk with God just as Enoch walked with God.

LOOKING AT ENOCH

First let us see some of what the Bible says about Enoch, who walked with God. Genesis 5:21-24 says, **“And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah...And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters...And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years...And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”**

Then in Hebrews 11:5,6 it says, **“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God...But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”**

The Bible is the greatest book ever written in the whole world. It is precise and accurate in every detail. If we follow the writings of the Bible from the beginning to the end we will know the Truth and the Truth will set us free! Yet, we must be careful not to follow the teachings of men, but only the teachings of that which is revealed in the Bible. Men are liars, but God never lies (Num. 23:19).

According to Genesis 5:21, Enoch was a married man, who had many sons and daughters (Gen. 5:22). At the age of sixty-five Enoch had a son by the name of Methuselah who was counted in the lineage from Adam to Jesus (Luke 3:37). By this, we can see that God is not a respecter of persons. God is not choosing only those who are single and never had any relationship with another person. Enoch was a married man and had many children. Jesus walked with God and He was single. Therefore, if you are married or single, it makes no difference, you can still walk with God.

Look at the reward that Enoch received for walking with God. It says, **“Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him”** (Gen. 5:24). Yet, Hebrews 11:5 explains what Enoch did better, by stating, **“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”**

Now we can see in part what we must do to walk with God. We must “walk by faith,” and we must “please God.” These are the most important things that Enoch did. After Enoch had walked by faith for three-hundred years, God took him to heaven without even dying physically here on earth. Enoch may be the oldest man living today (although he is no longer on this earth).

How long have we walked by faith? We still have time to change and walk by faith. It doesn't say Enoch walked by faith all his life. It says, after Enoch was sixty-five, he walked “with God” “by faith.” Therefore, if you are sixty-five, and have not walked by faith all your life, it's a good time to start. If Enoch could do it, you can also do it, for Jesus said, **“If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth”** (Mark 9:23). Faith starts by believing the Written Word of God. Believing what it says, exactly the way the Holy Spirit inspired it to be written.

In the days of Enoch it was a little different than today. In Luke 12:48, Jesus made a statement that we should all understand. Jesus said, **“...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”**

Enoch did not have the Written Word. Enoch did not have the Law of the Old Testament.

Enoch was not born again of the Spirit and the Word. Yet, Enoch walked by faith and God received him up into heaven.

Walk with God Today

Following Enoch, we could say that Abraham also walked with God, for Abraham was a man of faith. How did Abraham walk with God? In Romans 4:18-21, Speaking of Abraham it says, **“Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be...And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb...He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God...And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”**

Notice, Abraham was **“...fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.”** How can we be fully persuaded to walk by faith? There are a number of things that are needed to become fully persuaded.

Number one, we must know God by experience, not just head knowledge. Abraham knew God by experience. Abraham knew he heard from God when the LORD God spoke to him.

In Acts 7:2-4 it says, **“The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,...And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee....Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.”**

In the days of Abraham, the LORD God (the God of glory), appeared to Abraham and spoke to Abraham in an audible voice. Abraham knew it was the LORD God that spoke to him.

Abraham was not born again. Abraham did not have a new spirit wherein God dwelt in His fulness (Ezek. 11:19; 36:26). Abraham did not have what Christians have today. In Luke 12:48 Jesus said, **“...unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required...”** Abraham, knowing it was the LORD God that had spoken to him, believed and obeyed the LORD, **“...therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness”** (Rom. 4:22).

Secondly, faith is not something we obtain by our own ability. In Hebrews 11:1 it says, **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”** Faith does have substance and faith does have evidence.

What is this substance and what is this evidence? In Hebrews 11:1 the word “substance” could have been translated “confidence.” Why is this?

First of all, faith is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). Faith, being a fruit of the Spirit means that it is not our faith, but “the faith Jesus Christ” which is given to us when we are born again of the Spirit (John 3:6). God gives faith to those who will believe God.

Secondly, **“...God is love {agape}”** (John 4:8). God’s {agape} love is not human {phileo} love. Human love {phileo} is conditional love. Human love only responds when someone receives according to their expectation. God’s {agape} love is “unconditional.” God loves us even when we do not love Him.

Romans 5:5 says, **“...the love {agape} of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”** God’s {agape} love is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:21). All of the fruit of the Spirit are given to Christians when they are born again of the Spirit.

Thirdly, Galatians 5:6 says, **“...faith which worketh by love {agape}.”** Faith does not work

without love. Therefore, God gives Christians **“faith and love,”** that they can have **“confidence”** in His Word. Christians are given much more than what Enoch and Abraham had. Where much is given, much is required.

Why are so many Christians having difficulty in walking by faith? I believe it is because they are not walking in love. How can Christians walk by faith? They must learn to walk in the Spirit and not after the flesh. The flesh walks by human love {phileo}. The Spirit walks by God’s love {agape}.

Therefore, Galatians 5:16 says, **“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”** In the New Covenant, Christians are given much more than Enoch and Abraham were given, therefore much more will be required.

Is God unjust with Christians? Certainly not. God is righteous in everything He does. God gives us everything it takes to do His will. God does not require us to do anything without first giving us what is needed to do what He requires of us.

Why Christians Fail

Christians fail in what they do simply because they want to walk by sight and not by faith. In walking by sight, they walk after the flesh and not after the Spirit.

What Christians do not understand is that they cannot walk by faith according to the flesh. We must look to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith if we are to walk by faith and not by sight. In Hebrews 12:2 it says, **“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”** Very few Christians understand what this verse is saying.

The joy that was set before Jesus was the Cross where He died (physically) as a Man in the flesh for all who would come to God by Him. The joy was in the results obtained by death on the Cross. The joy was knowing that many would become born again of the Spirit because He paid the price for our redemption. The joy was in His dying in the flesh for us in the flesh so we could spend eternity with Him in the Spirit.

Therefore, Jesus spoke often of His crucifixion and death to His disciples before He died on the Cross. In speaking of His crucifixion and death, He also informed them that they also must be willing to die to the flesh if they were to live in the Spirit. In John 12:24-26, Jesus said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit...He that loveth his life {psuche} shall lose it; and he that hateth his life {psuche} in this world shall keep it unto life {zoe} eternal...If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.”**

What many Christians do not understand is the difference between natural soul life and spiritual life. Jesus is not talking about our physical life when He said, **“He that loveth his life {psuche} shall lose it; and he that hateth his life {psuche} in this world shall keep it unto life {zoe} eternal.”** “Psuche” life is soul life. “Zoe” life is spiritual life.

Man was created a living soul {psuche} (1 Cor. 15:45). The soul of man never dies, it continues on in eternity, either in hell or in heaven, depending upon which one we choose. We will always have soul life. In Christ, we also have spiritual life (zoe). Therefore, Christians must choose to walk according to our eternal life (zoe) over our soul (psuche) life. We cannot follow the desires of the soul life and walk according to our spiritual life in Christ.

Walking after the flesh is walking according to our soul life. Walking after the Spirit is walking according to our spiritual life in Christ. We must choose which one we will walk after, the flesh or the Spirit?

Christians fail to walk by faith, because they do not understand that faith works by love (Gal. 5:6). They try to make their faith work, and it fails because they were not walking in love.

God makes things clear in His Word, but most Christians do not study the Word of God to know what God truly said. Then, most Christians only study their Bible which are translated into their language by men. They do not compare their translations with the original Hebrew and Greek writings. Then, some of them use other manuscripts which have portions left out of them. They do not understand that the manuscripts they are using are rewritten by Scribes, and they do not always agree with other manuscripts. The way to tell if it is of God is that it will always agree from Genesis through Revelation. This is called “the canon” of the Scriptures. Every book and every chapter must

agree with the rest of the Bible. If it agrees, then it should be considered as inspired by the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit inspired it, then we should accept it.

When Bibles leave out 1 John 5:7, or change it to make it say something other than what it truly said, this is not good to say the least. In the King James Version of the Bible 1 John 5:7 says, **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”** I would not want to be one that changes what it says here in the King James Version. The Bible itself makes it clear that we should not add anything to the Word of God nor should we take anything away from the Word of God. I believe it is wisdom to use what the LORD has provided and accept it as the true Word of God.

Why do Christians fail in their faith? Their first failure is in walking in love (agape). Understand this, God would not ask us to do anything He would not do Himself. If you want to know what true (agape) love is, look first at what God did. For the Bible says, **“God is love”** (1 John 4:8).

In John 3:16 it says, **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** The Son of God, Who is God with the Father and the Holy Spirit loved the world that He created, and man whom He created in His own likeness and image. The Son of God loved man so much that He became man to deliver man from all the works of the devil.

The Son of God gave His life in the flesh for you and I. The Son of God, left His home in heaven and came down to earth, walked among us, lived in the flesh as we do, and gave His life for us.

Even when we did not love Him, He still loved us. Even when His own chosen people (Israel) came against Him, He still loved them and died on the Cross for their sins and iniquities. He took everything Satan had put upon man and took it upon Himself. In Colossians 2:13-15 it says, **“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses...Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross...And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”**

Everything that we did in our life that was not pleasing to God the Father, the Son of God took it upon Himself and defeated Satan for us. He gave everything He had as Man in the flesh to pay the price for us, you and I, even when we did not love Him. He loved those who did not love Him. He loved those who took Him before the High Priests, King Herod, and Pontius Polite, and then took the judgement that was against us upon Himself and died for us.

This is the true love of God that should be manifest in every Christian’s life today. Will we be like God is? God is love, “unconditional love.” Will we lay our lives down for those who do not love us? Will we lay our lives down for those who come against us? If not, then we are not walking in love.

If anyone thinks they are more important than someone else, let them look at the example of Jesus. There is no name in heaven, on earth or beneath earth above the name of Jesus. Jesus received that name because He was willing to take everything that the Devil had against us upon Himself that we could be free.

God exalted Jesus because He was the Creator of all we have, and yet He loved us so much that He gave His own life for us, even when we did not love Him. The greatest among men, gave

Himself for the least among men.

When Christians are willing to give all they have and all they are, for those who do not love them, then they will see the true love of God manifest through them. Jesus became lower than the lowest of man, to bring us to the Father and present us blameless as Children of God. Ephesians 2:1-6 says, **“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins...Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience...Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others...But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us...Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ...And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”**

That is an example of how much God loves us. That is an example of true love. That is God’s love, the kind of love we should show to those around us. That is the love that God desires for us to walk in. If our faith is not working, we should check out our walk of love.

It grieves the Holy Spirit when He has already revealed these things in the written Word of God and those who think they are someone, yet cannot see and understand what He has written. It has been written in our Bibles for over fifteen hundred years, yet very few have ever seen it. Very few have ever considered why their faith does not work.

Satan has blinded many in the churches, starting with the Pastors on down to the last member in their congregations. They have eyes and cannot see, they do not understand. To live, we must first die to our flesh and love one another the way God loves us.

From the Churches to the families. Many husbands exalt themselves above their wives as how great they are and all the rights and authority they have over their wives. When they are willing to lay down all their power and authority they think they have over their wives and love them the way Jesus loves us, then they will see their faith working for them.

When wives love their husbands the way the LORD loves them, and stop trying to control their husbands, but love them, then they will see their faith work.

When fathers and mothers start laying their lives down for their children, and love them the way God loves us (unconditionally), doing all they can to help their children in every area of their lives, then they will see their faith working.

Faith works by love, and without love faith does not work. Without faith we cannot please God. When God is not pleased, Satan has a place in our lives. Let us learn to walk in love one to another.

Pastors love your members. Husbands love your wives. Wives love your husbands.

Fathers and mothers love your children and the children will automatically love their parents. Love returns when love goes out. **“We love Him (God) because He first loved us”** (1 John 4:19). That is the same way it will be with the children. They will love their fathers and mothers when their fathers and mothers first love them.

God poured out His love to the world when it said in John 3:16, **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,”** and many received Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior. When parents truly love their children, it will not return unto them void. When children experience true love from

their fathers and mothers, that same love will be returned to the parents. Children will love their parents because the parents first loved them. Children ought to be raised on the Love of God, by the parents and the Body of Christ.

Who is greater than God? If God gave us His Son to die for us, why cannot we give our lives to help others know the true God and true love of God?

To walk with God we must become like God in His Son, Jesus Christ. What Jesus did for us, we must do for others.

God is GOD and He never changes. If we want to walk with God we must change. Two cannot walk together unless they agree (Amos 3:3).

God is never going to do our will of the flesh. Therefore, we must crucify the flesh and walk with God in the Spirit. The flesh cannot control our lives and walk with God at the same time. Romans 8:5-7 says, **“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit...For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace...Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”**

The “agape” unconditional love of God is the key to walking by faith and walking in faith. Without love faith does not work. For **“...faith which worketh by love”** (Gal. 5:6).

Brethren, let us love one another that the righteousness of God can be fulfilled in our lives. In 1 John 3:16 it says, **“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”**

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