

Walking with Jesus

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Introduction

For Christians, "Walking with Jesus" is a way of life, symbolizing a close, ongoing relationship with Him.

It's about aligning one's life with Jesus' teachings and example, choosing to follow His lead in all areas of life, from relationships to personal goals.

This walk requires faith and trust in His guidance, even when the path ahead seems unclear.

Introduction

Christians "Walk with Jesus" by cultivating a daily relationship with Him through prayer, studying the Bible, and actively seeking to live according to His teachings.

It involves aligning their lives with Jesus' example, submitting to His will and following Him in every aspect of life.

Introduction

Christians have a **personal relationship with Jesus**, where **He is seen as a close friend and Savior**.

The **goal** is to **draw near to God** and **experience His presence**.

1. How does a Christian build a relationship with God?

A. Prayer

B. Bible Study

C. Living according to Jesus's example

D. Following the Holy Spirit

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2. What is prayer?

A. Prayer - Is communicating with God through Jesus, sharing their thoughts and seeking God's guidance.

Prayer connects us with God.

3. What does prayer include?

Prayers can serve a variety of purposes, including:

- i. **Supplication:** Asking for needs to be met, guidance, or help.
- ii. **Thanksgiving:** Expressing gratitude for blessings received.
- iii. **Adoration:** Praising the divine for its attributes and nature.
- iv. **Confession:** Acknowledging wrongdoings and seeking forgiveness.

Example of a Prayer

Luke 2:29-32

29 “Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word;

30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

31 Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 A Light of revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.”

4. What is Bible Study?

Bible study - Studying the Bible, which is God's word, provides a deeper understanding of Jesus' character, teachings and will.

Bible study is a practice within Christian communities where individuals or groups delve into the Bible for personal religious or spiritual growth.

It's about examining God's Word to understand it and be transformed by it.

5. What are the different types of Bible study?

Book-by-book analysis: Examining the message of individual books in the Bible.

Verse-by-verse study: Deeply examining each verse to uncover its meaning and application.

Topical study: Focusing on specific themes like faith, love, or forgiveness.

Character study: Exploring the lives of biblical figures to learn from their experiences.

5. What are the different types of Bible study?

SOAP: Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer.

Verse-mapping: A detailed examination of a single verse, including its historical context, translation and meaning.

Inductive Bible Study: Examining the text to understand its meaning and then applying it to one's life.

Exegetical Bible Study: Focusing on gaining information from the text.

5. What are the different types of Bible study?

Reading through a book -

Read it, paying attention to key words, cross-references and the context.

6. How do Christians live according to Jesus' example?

Obedience:

Following Jesus' commands by loving God and loving others.

Love and Compassion:

Demonstrating love and compassion in actions, words and reflecting Jesus' love for humanity.

Self-denial:

Choosing to prioritize Jesus' will and needs over personal desires. It is a form of self-sacrifice.

6. How do Christians live according to Jesus' example?

Humility and Gentleness:

Practicing humility, gentleness and patience in relationships with others while reflecting Jesus' character.

Walking in the Light:

Living honestly and openly, acknowledging sin and repenting.

Wisdom:

Seeking wisdom from God's word and applying it to daily decisions.

7. How does the Holy Spirit guide Christians?

Christians walk with Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit, by actively putting off the old self and embracing a new Spirit-filled life.

This involves depending on the Spirit's power for growth in godliness, obedience to God's commands and deepening intimacy with God.

It's a life lived in submission to the Spirit's leading, enabling obedience to God's Word and a transformation that reflects Jesus' character.

Guided by the Holy Spirit

1. Recognize the Spirit's Presence and Guidance:

i. The Holy Spirit is the companion and helper of believers, working in and through them.

ii. This involves intentionally seeking God's guidance through prayer, Scripture and discernment.

Guided by the Holy Spirit

2. Putting Off the Old Self and Putting on the New:

- i. Walking with Jesus involves actively choosing to resist the desires of the flesh (sinful nature) and embracing the desires of the Spirit.
- ii. This means putting off the old way of life and putting on a new, Spirit-filled way of living.
- iii. This transformation is a process, not a one-time event. It requires ongoing effort and reliance on the Spirit.

Guided by the Holy Spirit

3. Obedience to God's Word:

- i. Obedience to God's commands is a key aspect of walking in the Spirit.
- ii. The more one obeys God's Word, the less they will fulfill the desires of the flesh.
- iii. Living according to God's Word demonstrates love for Him and allows the Spirit to work more powerfully in their lives.

Guided by the Holy Spirit

4. Growing in Intimacy with God:

- i. Walking in the Spirit leads to increased intimacy with God.
- ii. This intimacy is fostered through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other believers.
- iii. As Christians draw closer to God, they become more like Jesus in character and action.

8. What is Spiritual Growth?

Spiritual growth is the process of developing a deeper understanding and connection with one's spirituality.

It involves your mind, heart and soul in pursuing God's commandments and wisdom.

It's an ongoing process that involves exploring beliefs, engaging in spiritual practices and cultivating positive qualities like compassion, forgiveness and gratitude.

Spiritual Growth Encompasses

A. Fellowship:

Connecting with other believers, sharing experiences and encouraging one another in their faith journeys.

B. Serving Others:

Using one's gifts and talents to serve others. It reflects Jesus' selfless service.

Spiritual Growth Encompasses

Matt. 22:36-40

36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”

37 And He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

38 “This is the great and foremost commandment.

39 “The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

40 “On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

Conclusion

“Walking with Jesus” is a continuous process of **growth**, **learning** and **transformation**.

Christians strive to **live out their faith in every area of life**, **guided by God’s Word** and **empowered by His Spirit**.