

The Christian Walk

Topics

- The reality of walking with God
 - The foundation of our faith
 - The struggles that come with it
 - Mercy and faith
 - What it truly means to follow Christ
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Unseat Condemnation

The Christian walk is about **salvation** and **repentance**. If it is not, you will walk into **unnecessary condemnation**.

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV)

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Salvation is not earned; it is God-given. You are the custodian of it, and it begins with mercy. God knew every weakness we would have, every struggle we would face, and yet He still chose to extend grace toward us through Jesus Christ. All the things He saw about you, He still chose you. Salvation is not **earned**; it is **God-given**. You are the custodian of it, and it begins with mercy. God knew every weakness we would have, every struggle we would face, and yet He still chose to extend grace toward us through Jesus Christ. All the things He saw about you, He still chose you.

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- He knew David would disappoint Him, yet He still made him a king and a psalmist.

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- He knew Solomon would not always choose Him, yet He still added more wisdom.
- He knew Peter loved Jesus yet would deny Him, and yet Jesus still chose him.

Therefore, **we are saved because of what Christ did for us**. This does not mean everything we do is right or acceptable. It simply means our failures are not bigger than the work and grace of God through Jesus Christ.

Struggle Is Inevitable

Romans 7:19 (NIV)

“For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.”

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Paul wanted to do good, yet he faced forces that stopped him. This did not mean he didn't love God; he was simply hindered. There will always be a part of you that holds past patterns and past weaknesses. But when you come to Christ, the Spirit of God slowly removes those weaknesses and breaks you to make you. This happens over time, for character development. Your mind has to adapt.

Loving God Does Not Mean You Will Never Fall

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David was called:

Acts 13:22 (NIV)

“A man after God's own heart.”

Yet he still made mistakes. Therefore, falling does not define you. **Choosing to do something contrary to the will of God is the same as denying Him**, yet He never denied us. He welcomed us with open arms and restores us.

The difference between someone who knows God and someone who doesn't is what happens after the fall. One will return to Him, repent, and continue walking.

- The Prodigal Son (Luke 15)
- The Ten Lepers (Luke 17:14) “As they went, they were cleansed.” When you have fallen, God strengthens you as you continue walking. But when you stand still, nothing happens.

The Righteous Fall

Proverbs 24:16 (NIV)

“For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again.”

Notice it says “**the righteous.**” Even when you have fallen, the Bible still calls you righteous. When you truly understand your right standing with God, you walk with confidence instead of fear, knowing that your failures don’t define you and that His grace covers all your mistakes. You are freed from shame and guilt because your identity is in Christ, not in your past sins. This understanding shifts your heart to love and obey God out of devotion rather than obligation, aligning your desires with His will. You also learn to rely on His strength in your weaknesses, trusting that He will guide, restore, and complete the work He began in you. falling does not disqualify you from being a righteous child of God. Do not call yourself a sinner or rehearse what you have been freed from, because that is not who God says you are.

John 8:11 (NIV)

“Neither do I condemn you... go now and leave your life of sin.”

Righteousness Is Your Identity

Righteousness is not something you **earn or lose**; it is your God-given identity through Christ. It defines who you are before God and cannot be taken away by your failures, mistakes, or the opinions of others. This is not just a title it is the secure position that Jesus Himself placed you in. No matter what happens in life, your standing in Him remains firm, unshakable, and eternal.

John 10:28 (NIV)

“No one will snatch them out of my hand.”

This verse reminds us that your identity in Christ is protected by His power. You are held securely, loved unconditionally, and kept from the enemy’s reach. Understanding this truth frees you from fear, guilt, and condemnation, allowing you to walk boldly in God’s grace every day.

Condemnation vs Conviction

Romans 8:1 (NIV)

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Condemnation is a weapon of the enemy and a trap of the flesh. It whispers lies to your heart:

- “You have failed God.”
- “He is done with you.”
- “You cannot go back to Him.”
- “You cannot sin and ask forgiveness again.”

These voices aim to paralyze you, to make you doubt God’s mercy and question His love. They want you to carry guilt and shame as if your mistakes define your identity. But this is a lie your failures do not outweigh the power of Christ’s grace. Conviction, on the other hand, is from the Holy Spirit. It does not shame or push you away; it draws you back to God with courage and clarity. It reminds you that you are loved, accepted, and still able to repent and grow.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence.”

True sorrow for sin is not despair it is the Spirit leading you to repentance, transforming your heart, and aligning your life with God’s will. The real danger is not sin itself, but believing that your mistakes can keep you from God. Your failures cannot separate you from Him; they are opportunities to experience His mercy, His power, and His restoration.

The Christian Walk Is Relationship

The Christian walk is never about achieving goals, earning points, or proving your worth through accomplishments. It is not a checklist of spiritual milestones or a race to perfection. The walk is about intimacy it is about knowing God personally, trusting Him, and allowing your heart to align with His. True spirituality is measured not by what you accomplish, but by the depth of your love, obedience, and connection with Him. After a mistake, you are not starting from zero. God’s grace does not reset or erase your worth; it restores, strengthens, and guides you to continue growing. Every misstep is an opportunity to learn what it truly means to love Him, to trust Him, and to walk in alignment with His Spirit.

Matthew 7:11 (NIV)

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!”

This verse reminds us that God’s love is not dependent on our perfection. Even when we fail, His goodness remains. The Christian walk is about relationship, not achievement learning to trust, to draw near, and to experience the Father’s heart daily.

His Mercies Are New

Lamentations 3:22–23 (NIV)

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning.”

Grace is not permission to sin. It is the divine empowerment to grow, to learn, and to draw ever closer to God. Each day brings new mercy, a fresh opportunity to experience His love and guidance. Even in our weakness, even when we fail, God does not abandon us—He is patient with us while we are still learning and being shaped.

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise... not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Sometimes returning to God feels heavy because we carry expectations in our hearts—weights we were never meant to bear. When those expectations aren’t met, zeal and passion can fade. The Christian walk is not about ticking off achievements or earning approval; it is about relationship, love, and continual growth. God works gradually, reshaping our desires and restoring our awareness of Him.

Psalms 37:4 (NIV)

“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

God is faithful. He continues the work He started in you, cultivating your heart and guiding your steps.

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

God finishes what He starts. His timing is perfect, and He calls us to submit ourselves to Him rather than control everything. This journey is about allowing God to work in and through you, shaping your heart and character.

Colossians 1:27 (NIV)

“...Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

The struggle you feel is a sign of love. If you didn't care, life would feel easy, and your heart would remain indifferent. Living for God is measured not just by action, but by direction—by consistently turning your heart toward Him, even in trials.

Psalm 16:8 (NIV)

"I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

True knowledge of God's power comes through weakness, not through self-sufficiency. When you feel weak or unable, you are not falling you are held in His hands. In surrender and dependence, His strength is revealed, and His power works through your life in ways you cannot achieve on your own.

Walking in Honesty

A walk with God is not about pretending to be perfect, because none of us are. It's about being honest with Him admitting flesh, mistakes, weaknesses and that you need Him, humbling yourself.

Man stands because of God; we don't just land. God is not surprised by your struggles and flaws He already knew.

Jesus said to Peter:

Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Jesus already knew. He sees all, and He's constantly praying for you. He's your advocate, counselor, intercessor, comforter, and helper. God doesn't change like shifting shadows or wildflowers that bend with the wind.

Romans 8:39 (NIV)

"Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

So don't allow shame to separate you from the very person who is able to transform you. Keep walking with and in Him, trusting His mercy.

Character and Growth

United in Christ

You should know that God is shaping you into a person with a specific character ,the one He has designed for you to become. This requires intentional growth, patience, and obedience. Stay strong, follow the steps He sets before you, and walk in the shoes of the person He has shown you in vision and purpose. God is faithful; He will complete the work He started and bring His joy to fulfillment in your life.

He is restoring the dry, broken, and dead places within you. Like dry bones coming to life, He brings renewal, revival, and the joy of salvation the deep, lasting joy of being fully known, fully loved, and fully redeemed.

John 14:27 (NIV)

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Christ is not distant. He is with you, guiding, protecting, and strengthening you at every moment even when you do not perceive His presence. Whatever challenges you face, He is already there, ready to help, to comfort, and to lead you through. You are not navigating life alone; you are walking with the God who knows every detail of your journey before it unfolds.

Grow in Him, learn from Him, and walk in His ways with confidence. Continue with strength, trusting that every step, every struggle, and every victory is under His divine guidance.
