



# WALKING WITH JESUS

“IN THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD”

# Ephesians 6:13

- “<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ”

# CCIC BELIEVE:

- 1. WE ARE CHRIST CENTRED. Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
- 2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. Colossians 3:14 “ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
- 3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15 “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

# OUR STRUCTURE:

1. TO TEACH THE WORD OF GOD. 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God<sup>[a]</sup> may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2. TO TEACH TO PRAY. LUKE 11:1 “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

# OUR STRUCTURE:

3. TO TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOR. MARK 12:30-31” Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>[g]</sup> There is no commandment greater than these.”

4. TO TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES. MATTHEW 28:19-20  
“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

# TEXT:PSALMS 51:10-12

- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

“A broken guitar cannot produce a good sound, it needs restoration”.

I. IT IS A PRAYER FOR INNER RENEWAL. V10.

- “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

II. A PRAYER FOR RESTORED FELLOWSHIP. V11.

- Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

III. A PRAYER FOR RENEWED JOY AND STRENGTH. V.12

- Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

WALKING IN THE GOSPEL OF PEACE.

HOW CAN WE WALK IN THE GOSPEL OF PEACE?

- I. A NEW HEART. 1 Corinthians 2:14-15 “The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup> The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,”

# I. A NEW HEART.

- A. The Bible message concerns God and man and their relationship. Therefore, one standing outside that relationship will miss much of what God has said.
  1. The natural person. V.14
    - \*This refers to someone without the Holy Spirit—a person relying only on human reasoning.
    - \*They reject spiritual truth— not always aggressively, but often by dismissing it as irrelevant or illogical. They see God's word as foolishness.
    - “Spiritual truth requires Spiritual illumination”

# I. A NEW HEART.

## 2. Why They Cannot Understand.

- Spiritual things are “spiritually discerned”.
- Means, understanding comes through the Holy Spirit, not just studying or human intellect.
- “Just as you need eyes to see light, you need the Spirit to perceive spiritual truth.”

# 1. A NEW HEART.

## 3. The Spiritual Person. V15.

- This refers to a believer who has a new heart filled with the Holy Spirit.
- \*They can discern all things-meaning they can evaluate life, truth, and decisions from God's perspective.
- \*This doesn't mean they know everything, but they have spiritual insight guided by the Spirit.

## II. A HUNGRY HEART.

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- “Strong Christians are not made by chance—they are nourished by the word of God”.

## II. A HUNGRY HEART.

- A baby that refuses milk becomes weak and unhealthy. A Christian who neglects God's Word becomes spiritually weak and stagnant.
  1. A hungry heart craves pure Spiritual milk.
- \*A new born baby desperately longs for milk - it's not optional.
- \*The desire is constant, urgent, and natural.
- \*A hungry heart should have a strong, continual hunger for God's Word, not a casual interest.

## II. A HUNGRY HEART.

- 2. Pure heart needs pure Spiritual milk.
- \* This refers primarily to the Word of God.
- \* God's Word is truth without error or corruption. It must not be mixed with false teaching.
- \* We can find the Word of God if we are determined to get it.
- \* Determination comes when you are eager to know God through His Word.

What are the reasons for our failure to understand the Word of God?

1. Lack of desire to study the Word of God.
2. Other interesting things cause us to close the Bible.
3. Lack of time to analyze the real message of the Bible.
4. There was no sustainable hunger that keep us going.
  - *“WITHOUT A HUNGRY HEART WE CAN NEVER LEARNE THE BIBLE”*

## II. HUNGRY HEART.

3. A hungry heart may grow up in Salvation.
  - “so that by it you may grow up your salvation”.
  - \* Growth is the goal.:
  - \* No intake - no growth.
  - \* Weak intake – weak growth.
  - \* Strong intake - Strong growth.
  - This growth includes: Spiritual maturity, Christlike character, and deeper understanding of God.

# III. AN OBEDIENT HEART

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- " Your commands are always with me  
and make me wiser than my enemies.
- <sup>99</sup> I have more insight than all my teachers,  
for I meditate on your statutes.
- <sup>100</sup> I have more understanding than the elders,  
for I obey your precepts.

# III. AN OBEDIENT HEART

1. We must be willing to obey what God shows us of His will.
2. The Bible calls for a response, not just analysis.
3. A disobedient heart means a closed mind for understanding.
4. An obedient hearts finds the meaning of the Scripture.
  - “WITHOUT OBEDIENCE AT EACH STEP, FURTHER STEPS IN KNOWING GOD’S WORD ARE IMPOSIBLE”

## IV. A DISCIPLINED HEART.

○ 2 TIMOTHY 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and self-discipline.”

**1. The spirit of Fear defined: Timidity, cowardice, shrinking back.**

○ \*Fear does not originate from God.

○ \*Fear paralyzes faith and ministry.

**2. The Spirit of Power: Greek word “dynamis”- Ability, strength, divine enablement. Power to endure hardship, preach boldly, live faithfully. Acts 1:8.**

# IV. A DISCIPLINED HEART.

**3. The Spirit of Love.** Greek word agape-selfless, sacrificial love.

- \*Love replaces fear in relationships and ministry.
- \*Love fuels courage and compassion.
- \*Serve others sacrificially, let love drive out our fear. 1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

# IV. A DISCIPLINED HEART.

**4. The Spirit of self discipline.** \*Sound mind. Greek word *sophronismos* –self control, wise thinking, discipline.

- \*Stability in thinking, clarity in decision making.
- \*Guard your thoughts, live with Spiritual discipline and balanced life.
- Power without love becomes harsh.
- Love without power becomes weak.
- Both without sound mind become unstable.

# CONCLUSION

◦ HOW TO LIVE IN THE GOSPEL OF PEACE IN A CHAOTIC WORLD?

I. WE NEED A NEW HEART.

II. WE NEED A HUNGRY HEART.

III. WE NEED AN OBEDIENT HEART.

IV. WE NEED A DISCIPLINED HEART.

# CONCLUSION

- WE NEED TO REJECT FEAR - IT IS NOT FROM GOD.
- LET US EMBRACE THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS : POWER, LOVE, AND DISCIPLINE.
- LIVE BOLDLY FOR CHRIST DESPITE OPPOSITION.
- **EX.** A cracked mirror cannot reflect clearly. You can polish the surface but the crack remains. Only replacing it restores clarity. In the same way, God doesn't just clean the surface - He gives a new heart.

# CONCLUSION

◦ WHEN DAVID SHOWS US THE WAY TO GOD:

\*BE HONEST ABOUT SIN.

\*DEPEND ON GOD FOR CHANGE.

\*DESIRE HIS PRESENCE ABOVE ALL.

\*SEEK RESTORED JOY.

# CONCLUSION.

WE CAN PRAY:

- CHANGE MY HEART OH GOD.
- KEEP ME NEAR YOU.
- RESTORE THE JOY OF MY SALVATION.