

Righteousness that Walks

Text: *Genesis 6:9*

“These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.”

Big Idea

Righteousness is not a single spiritual moment; it’s a Spirit-formed lifestyle. In Scripture and in the Wesleyan tradition, Christian perfection means maturing in love—a whole (not flawless) heart that walks with God day by day.

Context (Genesis 6)

- The world is marked by violence, corruption, and chaos (vv. 11–12).
 - In the middle of that, God points to Noah: “Righteous. Blameless. Walked with Me.”
 - Not because Noah was flawless, but because he was faithful.
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Key Words & Ideas

Ṣaddîq (צַדִּיק) – “Righteous”

- Aligned with God’s will and God’s justice
- Integrity and equity in relationship with God and neighbor

Tāmîm (תָּמִים) – “Blameless/Perfect”

- Not “error-free,” but whole, undivided, integrated
- A heart not split between God and idols

“Walked with God”

- Not a snapshot; a rhythm
 - Repetition and habits; a way of life
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Christian Perfection — The Wesleyan Way

- Not “you will never make a mistake.”
- Yes to perfect love: a heart shaped by the Spirit so that the aim and habit of life is love for God and people.

- **When we say perfection, we mean maturity of love, not the absence of humanity; a whole heart, not a superhuman person.**
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Lifestyle, Not a Moment

Look again at Noah: **“He walked with God.”**

Not “he shined for a moment with God,” not “he went viral with God.”

He **walked**—day after day, decision after decision.

Righteousness is a **calendar** (habits), not just an **altar call** (a moment).

What This Lifestyle Looks Like

- **Aligned identity:** I belong to God by grace. My worth is received, not achieved.
- **Integrated integrity:** The same person in private and in public.
- **Practiced presence:** Word • Prayer • Fasting • Lord’s Supper.
- **Accountability:** I don’t walk alone—class/grow groups, mentors, praying partner, spiritual friends.
- **Mercy in motion:** Compassion that organizes—acts of justice and care.
- **Perseverance:** Keep walking when applause stops and storms start.

We can read Noah’s story and think, “This is a lot.” It is—and God’s grace is enough for the walk.

Handling Imperfection

When you miss a day — **reset**.

When you stumble — **confess and repair**.

When you’re tired — **rest and return**.

This is not **performance**; this is **pilgrimage**.

Why This Matters Now

We live in a generation that normalizes corruption and celebrates violence. God is still looking for people who will walk with Him—people who are whole, whose love is maturing, who keep walking when the weather changes.

The Invitation

- Ask the Holy Spirit to make your heart undivided.
 - Ask Jesus to teach you the walk, not just the moment.
 - Ask the Father to perfect you in love—love that prays, serves, and does right by people.
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Discuss (Small Group or Personal Reflection)

1. Where do you sense double-mindedness God wants to make whole?
 2. Which habit most clearly expresses your walk with God right now? Which habit needs attention?
 3. What does “mercy in motion” look like in our church this month?
 4. How can accountability (class meeting/groups) help you walk, not just flash?
 5. What storm are you preparing for by building obedience before it rains?
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Practice This Week

- **The First 15:** 5 minutes Scripture • 5 minutes silence • 5 minutes prayer (daily)
- **One Act of Reconciled Integrity:** Align one hidden place with your confession (apology, budget choice, honest conversation).
- **Mercy With a Name:** Choose one person/issue to serve with concrete action.

Accountability Check-In:

- I will text/call my partner on _____ (day) at _____ (time).

Memory Verse (choose one)

- *Genesis 6:9* — “Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.”
- *Micah 6:8* — “What does the LORD require... to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.”

Notes

Closing Line

Join me Sunday as we explore how the grace and favor of God over our lives comes with instructions.