



Walk

WITH

me



Walk WITH *Me*

Don't you believe it!

1 John 4:1-6

Walk WITH Me

“If the whole church goes off into deception, that will in no way excuse us for not following Christ.”

Leonard Ravenhill

Walk WITH *Me*

2000 Church trends – 20 years ago

1. Consumer Christianity ‘What’s in it for me?’
2. Cool Church became Casual Church
3. All about the heart! ‘love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength’
4. Anonymity lets them come. Anonymity is slowly giving way to community.

Walk WITH *Me*

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Walk WITH *Me*

1Thess 5:21 “But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good”

The Problem vs. 1

- ‘beloved’ – talking to believers
- Do not believe – don’t trust
- Test the spirits – guide to any belief – worldview
- ‘false prophets’ – those promoting false views
- What is your verse on that?

Walk WITH *Me*

2Peter 1:20-21 “But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

Walk WITH *Me*

*“We cannot always trace God's hand,
but we can always trust God's heart.”*

C.H. Spurgeon

Walk WITH *Me*

1 John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

Walk WITH *Me*

3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

Test #1 vs 2,3

- True teaching presents a true Jesus!
- True Jesus is True God!
- Greatest blessing – Incarnation of Christ
- No nearer name than Emmanuel – God with us
- ‘none good but God’ (Rich man – Mark 10)

Walk WITH *Me*

*“If God is completely faithful –
He can be completely trusted!”*

Walk WITH *Me*

1 John 4:4 You are from God, little children,
and have overcome them; because greater is
He who is in you than he who is in the world.

The Proof vs. 4

- ‘fighting a battle that is already won’
- God is greater! Satan only rules here.
- Defeated every consequence of sin – miracles
- Defeated death itself – resurrection
- Demonstrated forgiveness – Mark 2

Walk WITH Me

*“Trust the past to God's mercy,
the present to God's love
and the future to God's providence.”*

Augustine

Walk WITH *Me*

1 John 4:5 They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.

Walk WITH *Me*

6 We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Test #2 vs. 5,6

- The world listens to logic but needs theologic!
- We do not want the limit of reason – love!
- ‘you can’t fix it’ – they are right – God can!
- Who do you trust? Who do you listen to?
- Discern spirit of truth or spirit of error.

Walk WITH *Me*

*The question is not
‘what is the harm?’ –
the question is
‘what is the benefit?’*

Walk WITH Me

Don't you believe it!

- Beware of the new – 2000 years?
- Beware of the trends – vogue is vague
- Beware of the novel – God is light – well lit!
- Beware of the ‘isms’ – materialism, extremism, racism, feminism, paganism, altruism, optimism, chauvinism, naturalism, hedonism, theism -

Walk WITH *Me*



“A diverging path near us is harder to resist than an intersection.”

Walk WITH *Me*

“There is salvation in no one else,
for there is no other name under heaven
that has been given among men
by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12



Walk

WITH

me

