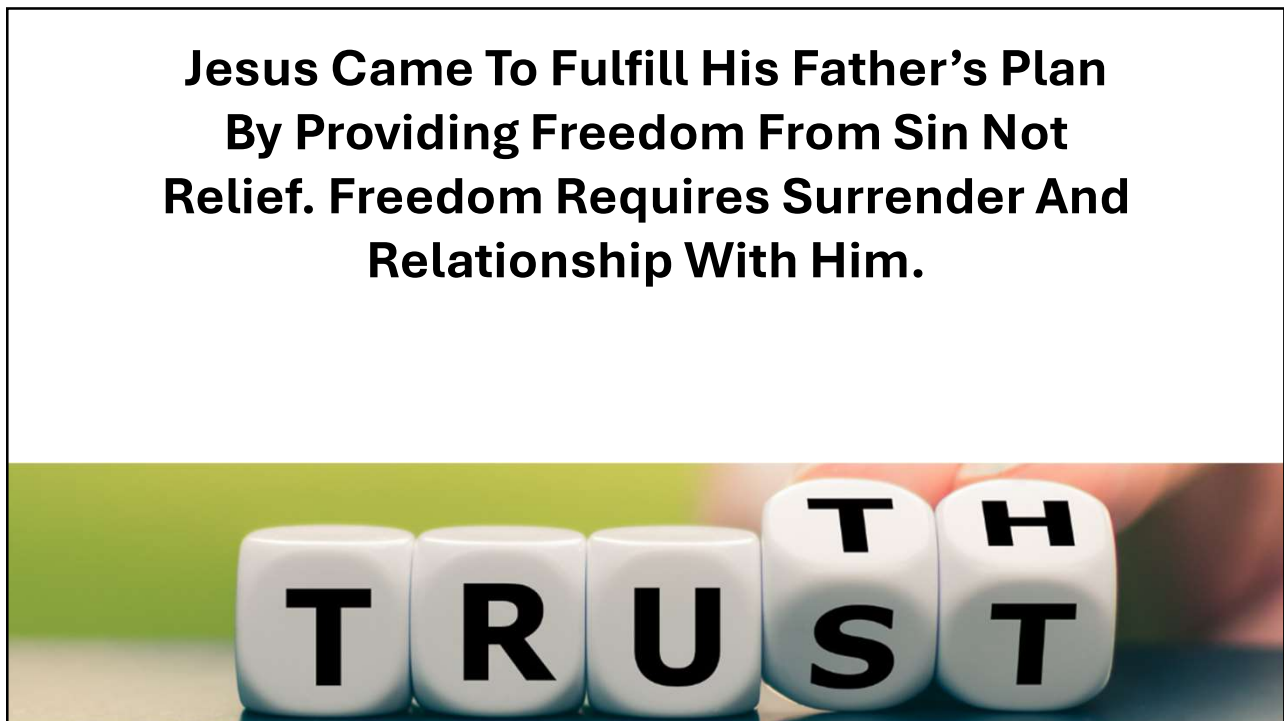


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1 JOHN 2:1-6

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.



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DESIGNED WALK vs. 1-2

Compassionate Desire For Growth

- Spiritual growth is necessary for all believers
- From infants, to children, to disciple-maker
- The need to grow spiritually to be rooted in your personal relationship with God



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DESIGNED WALK vs. 1-2

Compassionate Desire For Growth

Growing Spiritual With God

- Recognizing the holiness of God and grasping the wickedness of humanity
- Discovering the attributes of God including His view of sin and His compassion for others
- Learning to walk with the Holy Spirit
- Sanctification – being transformed not conformed



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DESIGNED WALK vs. 1-2

Compassionate Desire For Growth

Growing Spiritual With God

Reality Of The Fallen World

- The temptation to sin... self-indulge... self-centered remains
- Battle of the spirit controlled live versus the natural person
Romans 8:5-8; Galatians 5:16,17



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ROMANS 8:5-8

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



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GALATIANS 5:16-17

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.



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DESIGNED WALK vs. 1-2

Compassionate Desire For Growth

Growing Spiritual With God

Reality Of The Fallen World

Reality Of Repentance

- Our advocate – Jesus Christ the righteous
- Propitiation – a sacrifice that turns God’s wrath into favor
- God’s design displayed – the manifested plan through Jesus
- Power of propitiation – not just the sins of believers, but the whole world



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ROMANS 3:21–26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in

Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.



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2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



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DECEIVED WALK vs. 3-4

Evidence Of Life Is Light

- Obeying Christ is not merely a consciences effort
- Obeying Christ is displayed actions rooted from the heart

JOHN 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



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DECEIVED WALK vs. 3-4

Evidence Of Life Is Light

- Obeying Christ is not merely a consciences effort
- Obey Christ is displayed actions rooted from the heart
- Others will know

JOHN 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



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DECEIVED WALK vs. 3-4

Evidence Of Life Is Light

Faking It With Jesus

- Claiming to be a follower of Christ but no evidence of changed life
- No evidence of transformation only conforming



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MATTHEW 7:15–20

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”



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DECEIVED WALK vs. 3-4

Evidence Of Life Is Light

Faking It With Jesus

- Claiming to be a follower of Christ but no evidence of changed life
- No evidence of transformation only conforming
- Living life as a liar will have harsh realities – Matthew 7:21-27



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DEMONSTRATED WALK vs. 5-6

God's Love Displayed

- Fellowship with God – 1 John 1:7
 - Possible because of forgiveness when believers repent
 - Peace of God known by the presence of God



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DEMONSTRATED WALK vs. 5-6

God's Love Displayed

- Fellowship with God – 1 John 1:7
- Transformation only through God
 - “God's love perfected”
 - Display of God's love to others



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DEMONSTRATED WALK vs. 5-6

God's Love Displayed

Abiding in God – John 15

- Everything hinges on abiding with God – John 15:4,5
- Interaction with God is anchored on abiding – John 15:7
- Evidence of God working as His presence made known
 - Fruit of disciple making
 - Fruit of the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:22-25



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DEMONSTRATED WALK vs. 5-6

God's Love Displayed

Abiding in God – John 15

Walk As Jesus

- Submission to the Father
- Compassion for others
- Standing firm for the truth



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**FAKING IT OR REAL?
TURMOIL OR PEACE?
DARKNESS OR LIGHT?**



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