

# **WALK 101 – Part 1**

## **Following Jesus in Discipleship**

### **What is our purpose?**

***To walk with God –***

Genesis 3:8-9:

*And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, so the man and his wife hid and kept themselves hidden from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.*

*But the Lord God called to Adam, and said to him, “Where are you?”*

### **How do we become a follower of Jesus?**

#### **Steps to knowing God**

#### **1. God loves us – we were created to have an ongoing friendship with God!**

1 John 3:1:

*See what an incredible quality of love the Father has shown to us, that we would be permitted to be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*

#### **2. But we have sinned, separating us from God**

Romans 3:23:

*For all have sinned and continually fall short of God’s glory...*

#### **3. The payment for our sin is death**

Romans 6:23:

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God – that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers – is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

#### **4. Jesus willingly paid for our sin-debt**

Romans 5:6, 8-10:

*While we were still helpless, powerless to provide for our salvation, at the right time Christ died as a substitute for the ungodly.*

<sup>8</sup> *But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

<sup>9</sup> *Therefore, since we have now been justified – declared free of the guilt of sin by His blood – how much more certain is it that we will be saved from the wrath of God through Him.*

<sup>10</sup> *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more certain, having been reconciled, that we will be saved from the consequences of sin by His life – that is, we will be saved because Christ lives today.*

## **5. To avoid this sin-debt of death, we must accept God's gift, taking Jesus as our Savior**

Romans 10:9-13:

*...because if you acknowledge and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord – recognizing His power, authority, and majesty as God – and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

<sup>10</sup> *For with the heart a person believes in Christ as Savior, resulting in his justification – that is, being made righteous, being freed of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God – and with the mouth he acknowledges and confesses his faith openly, resulting in and confirming his salvation.*

<sup>11</sup> *For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him – whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him – will not be disappointed in his expectations.”*

<sup>12</sup> *For there is no distinction between Jew and Gentile; for the same Lord is Lord over all of us, and He is abounding in riches and blessings for all who call on Him in faith and prayer. For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord [in prayer] will be saved.”*

## **The RESULTS of this decision:**

### **This decision WE MAKE results in peace, joy, hope**

Romans 5:1-2:

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith – that is, acquitted of sin and declared blameless before God – let us grasp the fact that we have peace with God and the joy of reconciliation with Him through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed).*

<sup>2</sup> *Through Him we also have access by faith into this remarkable state of grace in which we firmly and safely and securely stand. Let us rejoice in our hope and the confident assurance of experiencing and enjoying the glory of our great God, the manifestation of His excellence and power.*

### **This decision WE MAKE results in forgiveness, pardon, absolution, freedom, liberty**

Romans 8:1:

*Therefore there is now no condemnation – no guilty verdict, no punishment – for those who are in Christ Jesus, who believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior.*

### **This decision WE MAKE results in a fervent, intentional, powerful, exciting, effective walk with God**

Romans 8:37-39:

*Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us so much that He died for us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced and continue to be convinced beyond any doubt that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present and threatening, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the [unlimited] love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*