

Walking By Faith

“For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7).

In the years in which I was studying for the ministry, I worked various jobs. On several occasions, I held two jobs at different times of the day. One of my favorite assignments was driving for two special men who worked for the Foundation For The Blind. After going to their homes, I would transport them to and from their place of employment. It was a great learning experience in real life.

Highly trained and very successful people, these men were very aware that they must face life from a blind perspective. Yet they were greatly dependent on me to lead and help them. I quickly perceived their preferences, their strengths and weaknesses, their eating habits and their humor. Not only was I their fellow-worker and guide; being together two times a day, five days a week, we became friends.

As my blind friends depended upon me to lead them in the right way, so believers are to walk by faith, not by sight. No, we are not blind; but we are to live in a way that indicates we are not trusting in or being governed by our surroundings. We are to live in utter dependence upon the Lord Jesus. He is our wonderful Guide, and will lead us in the right way. Here are a few observations concerning the walk of faith.

Our Christian walk is by faith in Christ, just as our salvation was by faith in Christ! The spiritual journey is to continue as it commenced. The Apostle wrote in another epistle, “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him” (Col. 2:6). Again we are reminded that we did not begin “in the Spirit” and must not be foolish to think we can be “made perfect by the flesh” (Gal. 3:3).

Our Christian walk is by faith in Christ, not according to the ups and downs of life’s circumstances! Because the Corinthians had difficulty focusing on Jesus, they were reminded, “we walk by faith, not by sight.” We must conclude, then, that to walk by faith is to keep our eyes on the Lord Jesus. For sure, when we begin to look at our circumstances instead of Jesus, like Simon Peter we begin “to sink” (Matt. 14:30).

Our Christian walk is by faith in Christ and all that is promised to us in Him! The context in which our key verse is located is filled with promises. As we walk by faith, we anticipate a glorified body, “an house not made with hands” (5:1). By faith we receive a wonderful gift, “the earnest of the Spirit” (5:5). Also by faith, we prepare for that solemn hour when we stand “before the judgment seat of Christ” (5:10).