

Walking In Him

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him” (Col. 2:6).

Because I was so young when I started traveling as an evangelist, I often played basketball with the young men from the churches or with some of the local men in a recreation gym in the area. Although it was the least of my interests, at one time, since I played round ball in so many places, I was accused of having my own league. I didn't even have my own team, only a few friends who loved to play the game.

On one occasion some friends invited me to a recreational center in their county. It was a new facility and was equipped with all the bells and whistles. One of the many amenities was a large indoor walking and jogging track. What was so unusual about it was its location in the top of the building. While much of it was enclosed, the part that circled the gym and the weight room was open so that you could see the people walking above you.

As I came to this text and the subject of “Walking In Him,” that is “Walking In Christ,” I remembered those people walking in that recreation center. It was built, of course, to purposefully facilitate the people who desired to walk. No matter what the weather was like outside, they could exercise on the inside of the building. Similarly, although believers live in the world, in Christ we are privileged to walk and live in Him.

We are privileged to walk in the validity of our position in Christ! The first phrase in the text, “As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord,” is the key to a valid walk in Christ. Only those who have received Him, or trusted Him as Savior and Lord, can progress in Him. The double truth set forth in this verse is that now Christ is in us and we are in Christ. And because He lives in us, we can live and walk in Him.

We are privileged to walk in the vicinity of our position in Christ! Without Christ, we know nothing of faith. Without faith, we know nothing of Christ. Faith brings us into this sacred vicinity and develops us in this same realm. Although the term is not used in this very text, the word “faith” is found in both the previous and the next verses (see 2:5, 7). Without question, as we can only receive Christ by faith, so we can only continue in Christ by faith.

We are privileged to walk in the vastness of our position in Christ! As a fish moves through the ocean and the ocean through the fish, so we live in Christ and Christ lives in us. “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28). He is the spacious sphere in which we live. He is the boundless perimeter in which we move. And He is the all-inclusive circumference of our being. May we know more of this vast world in Christ.