

Scripture

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (NKJV).

Thought for Today

I live in a beautiful city - the city of St. John's, Newfoundland. It is a city of hills and valleys. It boasts of historic sites and up to date structures. One of the things I enjoy about living here is that St. John's has developed a wonderful concourse of walks throughout the city. You can walk for miles around the city and enjoy beautiful lakes or river trails. It's a tourist's delight. To those of us who live here this is an extra bonus. I love to walk.

Thousands of people take advantage of the walkways of the city. Young and old alike can be seen enjoying a time of relaxation and exercise. Many of the walkers are in pairs. You will of course meet single walkers but more often walkers are in pairs; a married couple, two friends, two lovers. This kind of walking gives opportunity for conversation, communication and simply just the enjoyment of each other's company.

The Bible speaks of the blessing of walking. However, it lifts "the walk" to a higher level than ambling along with a close friend. Scripture speaks of walking with God. It is a beautiful and precious concept of a relationship with God. It is simply presented as having a walk with God Himself. The first book of the Bible describes the life of a man named Enoch with these words, "Enoch walked with God" (Genesis 5:22, 24). Here is a description of a life style, a way of living - walking with God.

God Himself is a walker. Genesis 3:8, "Then the man and the woman heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day" What a picture of God. The Almighty is taking a stroll. But the whole thrust of the scene is that God has come to walk with his children. He desires our company; our presence and our conversation. The heart of God is that He might walk with us. I call it, "An Amazing Walk!"

The eternal God has called you to walk with Him. Is there any more beautiful way to describe the Christian life? It is simply walking with God. Sin broke the original relationship that humanity had with God, but in Jesus Christ we are reconciled to God and now we begin our journey with Him. Walking with God through life is a glorious experience. It is a walk of faith and comfort. It brings strength and peace to the inner person. The hymn writer said, "He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own." Yes, we do have an amazing walk with the Almighty.

The path before the Christian is certain and secure. Jesus is the way (path). The Lord carefully directs the steps of a good man or woman. This amazing walk with God begins in newness of life. It starts when we receive Christ as Lord and

Savior. It is a walk of faith. The trail brings us into truth, love, honesty and wisdom. The path of the just is like a shining light. There is never darkness on this walk with God for we possess the light of life. Walking through life with your hand in the hand of God is truly awesome. It's an amazing walk! Have you had your walk today?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for making it possible for us to have fellowship. Thank you for forgiveness and restoration. Thank you for being my shepherd and providing for all my needs. In our walk today lead me in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.



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