"WALK" IN EPHESIANS

(Ephesians 4:17-24)

INTRODUCTION

"Walk" - signifies the general course of life; a course of conduct; activity of life. For further clarification and understanding, on your own, I encourage you to read the text that surrounds the text I have highlighted in this sermon.

1. (2:2) "in time past ye walked according to the course of this world"

From God's perspective, it means: (v1) "were dead in trespasses and sin" and (v3) "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind" and we were doing our own thing.

"Dead" - physically alive, but not spiritually; not living a Christian life; not forgiven by God. (v3) "Among whom also we all had our conversation (walk) in times past ... "

By obeying the gospel message, (v1) "you has he quickened (made spiritually alive) ... "
and (v4-5) "has quickened us together in Christ, by grace are ye saved"

2. (2:10) "for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them"

What "good works" did "God before ordain" that we should "walk in"? (Mark 12:28-31; Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 6:9-10) God designed a "walk" for us; it's a service that gives Him glory.

3. (4:1) "I ... beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called"

"Vocation" - a call or summons to perform a designated task; a calling; (2 Thess. 2:14); (Heb. 3:1) "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling ..."
"Walk" (v2) "with all lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, ... in love"

4. (4:17) "that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk ... "

Do you see how the Gentiles are walking? (v17, v18, v19) (v20) "But ye have not so learned Christ ..."

- 5. (5:2) "And walk in love, as Christ ... " (1 Peter 2:21) "follow his steps"
- 6. (5:8) "walk as children of light" (1 John 1:6-7)

It's a walk guided by God's word: (Psalm 119:105 and v80; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

7. (5:15) "See then that ye walk circumspectly ..." - be aware of what's around you.