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NOW THAT I'M A CHRISTIAN (#7)

(Ephesians 2:1 - 10)

INTRODUCTION - "WALK" - signifies the general course of life;
let's "walk" as Christians; a spiritual walk; (1 Peter 2:21: "follow His steps")

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

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

"Dead" - physically alive, but not spiritually; not living life as a Christian.

(v3) "among whom also we all once conducted ourselves ..."

By obeying the gospel, the good-news of the Bible message, (v1) "And you He made alive ..."
and (v4-5) "... made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)"

2. (2:8-10) "... for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

What "good works" did "God prepare beforehand" that "we should walk in"?

Here's a start: (Mark 12:28-31; John 14:15; Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 6:9-10)

God designed a "walk" for us, and it's a service that gives Him glory.

3. (4:1) "I ... beseech you to walk worthy of the calling ("vocation") with which you were called"

"Vocation" - a call or summons to perform a designated task; a calling. (2 Thess. 2:14)

(Hebrews 3:1) "Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling ..."

"Walk" (v2) "with all lowliness, gentleness, longsuffering, bearing ... in love"

4. (4:17) "you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk"

See how the other Gentiles are walking? (v17-19) Don't do that!

(v20) "But you have not so learned Christ"

5. (5:2) "And walk in love, as Christ ... " - (1 Peter 2:21) "you should follow His steps"

6. (5:8) "Walk as children of light" - (1 John 1:6-7) "walk in the light"

It's a walk guided by God's word: (Psalm 119:11 and v105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

7. (5:15) "See then that you walk circumspectly" - be aware of your surroundings.