"WALK" THROUGH THE LETTER TO EPHESUS

(Eph. 4:17-24)

INTRODUCTION: "walk" signifies the general course of life; conduct; activity of life.

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

What kind of "walk" is that? (what does it look like?)

- God's perspective is: (v1) "who were dead in trespasses and sins" and (v3) "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind"
- (v3) "among whom also we all had our conversation (once lived / walked) in time past"
- 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 prepare before-hand that we should "walk in?"

Here's a summary: (Mark 12:28-31; John 14:15; Matt. 5:16; Heb. 6:9-10)

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

When you enter into any relationship in life (organization), you assume certain obligations to make it succeed, or else you hinder and discredit it.

Paul's description includes: lowliness, meekness, long-suffering, love, unity.

- 4. (4:17) "that ye no longer walk as the other Gentiles do" Don't do that!
 - (v17) "vanity of their mind" thinking and feeling you're OK without God. Knowledge is so essential in coming to God, God's way! (John 8:32, 17:17) (v18) "who being past feeling" among the saddest words in the Bible.

(v20-21) "But ye have not so learned Christ ... "

- 5. (5:2) "And walk in love, as Christ ... " the supreme example for our "walk"
- 6. (5:8) "... now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light"

Again, walk in the example of Christ: (1 John 1:6-7)
That "walk" is guided and ruled by God's word: (Psalm 119:105; 2 Tim. 3:16)

7. (5:15) "See then that ye walk circumspectly ... " - watch your steps!