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Transforming Daily
“... walk in Him ...”
Colossians 2:6

What a strange command, “Walk in Him!” That’s exactly what it is. Paul gave a command to the Colossians that they should “Walk in Him!” In the original language, it is written in the imperative mood. This means that it is not a suggestion. Paul was giving them instructions on how to when the battle of spiritual warfare against the doctrine of false teachers. Basically he told them to give no quarter in the matter of false teachers against the teaching of God’s Word – take no prisoners (not literally, spiritually)! Paul was encouraging the church that their life should and would outshine the lives of the false teachers if they would live according to the instructions of the apostle(s) by faith.

“Walk in Him” simply meant to live according to the life of Christ. Not so much, “What would Jesus do (wwjd)?” But faced with similar prospects, “What did Jesus do?” Further, Paul was encouraging the church to understand that the power given them to live in Christ was first established in that He lived in them. So it was a double edged sword of encouragement. Paraphrased, it might have sounded “Walk in Him as (like) He walks in you.”

This falls under the category of, “easier said than done.” This doctrine is easy to preach and teach, but very hard to live. Even Paul said elsewhere in the New Testament regarding walking in Christ, “Why do I do what I know that I shouldn’t, but the very thing that I know that I should, I do not find myself doing.” (For the exact quote, be a good student and look it up). However, the point is that while simple to understand, it isn’t easy to walk in Him. Paul knew this and encouraged them, commanded them, to do it anyway, and in turn, his epistle is an encouragement to you and me as well.

Do you make the effort to live your life according to God’s Word? Legalism isn’t what Paul was taking about. Do you find yourself struggling between liberalism and legalism? Don’t fret, it’s common. Rest in the Lord. Trust the work of Christ upon the cross not only for your salvation, but also for your sanctification. That is the only way that you and I can truly walk in Him.