

WALKING WITH THE INDWELLING CHRIST

I Thessalonians 5: 16-24

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I Thessalonians 5:23a “And the very God of peace Sanctify you wholly...”

One of the highlights of our trip to the Holy Land was a tour of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem which was built on the site of the birthplace of Jesus. My thoughts were focused on the many events surrounding Jesus’ birth and praising God for sending Jesus to be our Savior. I was reminded of a verse of scripture that describes the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ by stating that God sent His own Son, not in sinful flesh, but image likeness of sinful flesh (Romans 8:3). His physical body and his nature were so different than ours that He Could be the Lamb without spot or blemish to be the complete sacrifice for the sins of the world; and we are indwelled with the Holy Spirit by the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Today’s scripture describes our “walk” with the indwelling Holy Spirit as we exercise the power of the new life within us. We are born again of the Spirit and thus we become children of God. We grow in the measure that the Word of God takes effect in our lives. Christ does live in you; let Him live in you to fashion you to be like unto Him. Christ wants us to know Him and to walk with Him moment by moment. Even if we slip and fall and quench the Holy Spirit, Christ picks us up and sets us on our feet. He gives us a daily cleansing, He cheers us when we are faint, and He helps us when we are weary. It is wonderful to see him as He reveals Himself from day to day.

Prayer: Thank you Jesus for giving Yourself to us, help us as we give ourselves to others. Amen

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