

Simplicity of the Christian Walk – Ephesians 1:15–23, Part 1

Introduction

Words: simple, pleases, prayer, window, thanksgiving, faith, healthy, Christ, riches, love, core

Paul has just walked through the _____ of Ephesians 1:3–14 and now turns to _____.

The first thing he brings is _____, showing what matters most to him.

This passage gives a _____ into what a _____ Christian walk looks like and what _____ the Lord.

Christian life at its _____ is _____: a life of _____ in _____ and a life of _____ toward one another.

1) A thankful Prayer vs 15-16

Words: thanks, reason, sovereign, sealing, faith, pledge, love, progress, continuous, salvation, genuine, test

Paul explains the _____ for his prayer, especially their _____, _____ and _____.

He gives _____ to God for their _____ and their _____.

These flow out of God's _____ work in them.

His thanksgiving is _____; whenever he prays he remembers them.

Though absent for years, he has heard of their _____.

These two things are a _____ of _____ faith.

2) A faith that lives in Christ

Words to use: object, daily, Lord, cost, resting, submissive, please, strength, ongoing, wisdom, actions

This is not the initial saving faith, but the _____ faith lived out _____.

The _____ of their faith is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Their faith was _____ because they understood Jesus is _____.

They also understood the _____ of following Him.

Living by faith means our _____ are shaped by the question, “Will this _____ Christ?”

It means seeking _____ and _____ from Him, and living daily _____ in Him

3) A love that serves the saint

Words: active, Christ, gospel, witness, selective, service, hands, sacrificial, feet, cultivate, lost

Christian love is _____ love, like _____ has shown to us.

It is a clear _____ to the unbeliever and a mark of true salvation.

This love is not _____; it is sacrificial and _____, with _____ and _____.

The Ephesians once showed this love but later _____ it.

We _____ this love by keeping our eyes on Christ.

It also reaches unbelievers and must always include the _____.