



Walk Just as He Walked (1 John 2:1-6)

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☑ **Don't Sin**

☑ “Whoever has been born of God **does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and he **cannot sin**, because he has been born of God.” 1 John 3:9 NKJV

- ☑ “We know that whoever is born of God **does not sin**; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.” I John 5:18 NKJV
- ☑ **Not an Excuse!**
- ☑ **Grace Abounds:**
 - ☑ ““Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But **where sin abounded, grace abounded much more**, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 5:20-21 NKJV
- ☑ **However:**
 - ☑ “What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!** How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” Romans 6:1-2 NKJV
- ☑ **Why?**
 - ☑ “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death**? Therefore we were **buried with Him** through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life.**” Romans 6:3-4 NKJV
- ☑ **Newness of life**

- ☑ “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; **old things have passed away**; behold, all things have become new.” II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV
- ☑ **But if you do sin you have an advocate**
 - ☑ **Advocate:** champion, upholder, supporter, backer, promoter, proponent, exponent, protector, patron; spokesman for, campaigner for, fighter for, battler for, crusader for; missionary, reformer, pioneer, pleader, propagandist, apostle, apologist...
 - ☑ **Lawyer:** barrister, lawyer, counsel, counselor, professional pleader, legal practitioner; attorney; a pleader in a court of law...
- ☑ “And He Himself is **the propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” I John 2:2 NKJV
- ☑ **The propitiation...**
 - ☑ **Propitiation:** the action of propitiating or appeasing a god, spirit, or person; atonement; expiation; the act of making amends or reparation for guilt or wrongdoing;
- ☑ **He became sin for us!**
 - ☑ **We have become ambassadors for Him because He took on our case for sin...**
 - ☑ “Now then, **we are ambassadors** for Christ, as though **God were pleading through us**: we implore you on

Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II

Corinthians 5:20-21 NKJV

- ☑ *Now catch this...now it's as if God is using us to plead cases! Can you imagine the magnitude of your calling in Him?

By this we know that we are in Him

"Now by this we know that **we know Him, if we keep His commandments**. He who says, **"I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar**, and the truth is not in him. But **whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him**.

By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he **abides** in Him ought himself also to **walk just as He walked**." I John 2:3-6 NKJV

Special Note: These four verses teach one of the most important concepts you will ever need to understand from the entire bible.

I John 2:3-6

- ☑ "Now ***by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.***" I John 2:3 NKJV

☑ **Knowing God**

☑ **The spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him:**

☑ “Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know** what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is **the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe**, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,” Ephesians 1:15-20 NKJV


☑ **His divine power is accessed through the knowledge of Him:**


☑ “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as **His divine power** has given to us all things that pertain to life and


godliness, **through the knowledge** of Him who called us by glory and virtue," II Peter 1:2-3 NKJV

 **Love**

 **““If you love Me, keep My commandments.”** John 14:15 NKJV

 **Again—we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. What commandments?**

 **Not my own doctrine:** “Jesus answered them and said, **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine,** whether it is **from God** or whether I speak on **My own authority**. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. **Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law?** Why do you seek to kill Me?”” John 7:16-19 NKJV

 **If you don't believe Moses...** “But I know you, that **you do not have the love of God in you**. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from

the only God? **Do not think that I shall accuse you** to the Father; there is one who accuses you—**Moses**, in whom you trust. **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"**

John 5:42-47 NKJV

☑ *"He who says, **"I know Him,"** and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."* I John 2:4 NKJV

☑ **You cannot know Him and disobey him at the same time!**

☑ **Sin is lawlessness:** "Behold **what manner of love** the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! **Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.** Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. **Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.** And you know that **He was manifested to take away our sins [lawlessness],** and in Him there is no sin. **Whoever abides in Him**

[lives in Him—see below: *By this we know that we are in Him.*" I John 2:5] does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him **nor known Him.**" I John 3:1-6 NKJV

- ☑ **BTW—Disobedience is lack of faith:** "For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, **but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**" Hebrews 3:16-19 NKJV

- ☑ "But ***whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.***" I John 2:5 NKJV

- ☑ **Obedience equals love**

- ☑ Obedience is the proof that we are in Him that His love is perfected in us!

- ☑ "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15 NKJV

- ☑ **Obedience proves with are in Him**

- ☑ **Whoever abides in Him does not sin.** Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him." I John 3:6 NKJV

☑ **Whoever practices sin is of the devil**

☑ “Little children, **let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous**, just as He is righteous. **He who sins is of the devil**, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. **Whoever has been born of God does not sin**, for His seed remains in him; and **he cannot sin**, because he has been born of God.” I John 3:7-9 NKJV

☑ *“He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.” I John 2:6 NKJV*

☑ **If you say you abide in Him, you will live like He lived**

☑ **You won’t say your own thing:**

☑ “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. **For I have not spoken on My own authority**; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, **what I should say and what I should speak**. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, **just as the Father has told Me, so I speak**.” John 12:48-50 NKJV

☑ **You don't do your own thing:**

☑ “Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do;** for **whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.** For **the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does;** and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.” John 5:19-20 NKJV

☑ **You won't make up your own doctrine, speak in your own authority, or seek your own glory:**

☑ “Jesus answered them and said, “**My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or **whether I speak on My own authority.** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; **but He who seeks the glory** of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”” John 7:16-19 NKJV

☑ **Then when you look at me you will see Him!**

☑ ““**If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also;** and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the

Father, and it is sufficient for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? **The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.** Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.” John 14:7-11 NKJV

☑ **What do you see when you look in the mirror?** “But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,** are being transformed into the **same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

☑ **You won’t do your own work:**

☑ “Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods” ’? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? **If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe**

Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, **believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me**, and I in Him.”” John 10:34-38 NKJV

☑ **You won't do your own will:**

☑ “For I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the Father who sent Me**, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And **this is the will of Him** who sent Me, that everyone **who sees the Son and believes in Him** may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”” John 6:38-40 NKJV

☑ ““Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father in heaven**. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness [sin is lawlessness]**!’” Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV

☑ “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this

cup pass from Me; **nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.**””Matthew 26:39 NKJV

☑ **You would obey Him:**

☑ “Jesus answered and said to him, **“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;** and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. **He who does not love Me does not keep My words;** and the word which **you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.**” John 14:23-24 NKJV

☑ **You would love Him and hear His words—not the devils!**

☑ “Jesus said to them, **“If God were your Father, you would love Me,** for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. **Why do you not understand My speech?** Because you are not able to listen to My word. **You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.** He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, **he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.** But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why

do you not believe Me? **He who is of God hears God's words;** therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."" John 8:42-47 NKJV

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NEXT WEEK

Nothing New (I John 2:7-14)