

Sunday Service Sermons

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Renew My Walk

“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind”

“He who claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.” *1 John 2:6*

Full Text: *Romans 12:1-2* and *1 John 2: 1-6*

Can you agree that the day of the church is not over?

Many say that it is and Canada is allowing churches to be burned but to speak against modern thinking is punished.

Let me tell you that the Spirit of Antichrist is gaining strength rapidly.

Be aware.

The church belongs to Christ for he is the head and we are the body.

The life of Christ is the life of the church, and that life can be renewed by him who is our life.

The church must choose its direction, the world’s plan or God’s plan, the mold of the world or the mind of God.

This is what renewal is, because when the church yields to God’s plan, it is renewed spiritually.

The prayer, “Renew my church”, is a prayer to “Renew my walk.”

It is God’s plan that the church be renewed in ministry, faith, and walk to a life that is disciplined by Jesus Christ.

A renewed walk involves a disciplined life.

There are two aspects to that walk.

There are the roots of a disciplined life and there are the fruits of a disciplined life.

A disciplined life is a living sacrifice.

The words “living sacrifice” describe the Christian life as a disciplined life in the daily walk.

In the background is the sacrificial system in the temple.

The word “present” is a technical term for presenting the Levitical offering.

Such offerings required a priest, an altar, and a sacrificial animal.

Today we are not required to offer an animal; we are to present ourselves.

We are priests to God; we have our altar, Jesus Christ; and our lives are the sacrifice.

We present ourselves in death; that is, we die to ourselves, our goals, and our conformity to the world.

Luke 9:23 speaks of taking up our cross daily.

That means death to our sinful way of life.

Have you built an altar in your life?

Have you put yourself on it?

Have you put all that you have on it?

The disciplined life does just that!

A disciplined life thinks soberly.

Romans 12:3 says that we are “to think soberly.”

The word “sober” is translated “self-controlled,” or “disciplined”.

A disciplined mind so governs all passions and desires that the believer becomes conformed to the mind of Christ.

We are to think disciplined thoughts about ourselves and not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

We are not to be proud or self-absorbed but sober and disciplined.

We are to evidence a humble, surrendered, attitude.

This is the kind of life God gives to the believer.

A disciplined life is a yoked life.

Matt. 11:29 states, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me."

Disciples are those who learn from another; they adhere to the person and teachings of their teacher.

Thus disciples of Jesus are those who learn from Jesus.

They adhere to his person and his teachings.

They are yoked to Jesus.

A yoke is a symbol of submission; therefore a disciplined life is one submissive to the authority of Jesus Christ.

Three words are involved in this kind of submission.

1. Control. The disciplined life is under Christ's control.

The disciplined person has a meek spirit.

The world "meek" is pictured as the taming of a wild horse.

When a horse is tamed it is "broken" by its rider, brought under the rider's control.

A disciplined life is "broken" by Christ's control.

Jesus' life was perfectly disciplined.

He was always under his Father's control.

And as Jesus was to his Father, so are we to Him!

We are to be under his control constantly, our will trained to his will.

We must strive to be consistent, disciplined, trained.

You might have a dog that is trained and obedient, yet, occasionally they might demonstrate their own independent nature.

We can be like a trained dog.

At times self snaps back at God and at others; we are disobedient to Christ's control; and undisciplined.

Many times we are like that dog, we are disobedient and our attitudes and activities are undisciplined.

The yoked life is one of Christ's control over us.

2. Consent. We become disciplined when we consent to be disciplined.

We present ourselves as a living sacrifice by coming to Jesus as *Matthew 11:28* invites us.

We take his yoke and learn more about him.

No one forces us to do these things.

If we are to walk as he walked, we must yield ourselves to him.

3. Completeness. This word involves all of life under Christ's control.

It is the total discipline he demands. How disciplined are we to be?

The following Scripture passages answer this question.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 speaks of "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Matthew 4:4 says that we must give account of "every idle word."

Luke 9:23 says that we must "take up our cross daily."

And *1 Thessalonians 5:18* commands, "Give thanks in all circumstances."

So all of life is to be under Christ's control.

He is to be the center of all our goals, our single focus.

Now for the fruits of a disciplined life.

The roots of a disciplined life will be evidenced in the fruits of such a life.

Ask yourself these questions:

How disciplined is my attitude toward myself, God and others?

Do I have love for the Lord and my neighbor?

How disciplined are my words?

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

How disciplined are my morals?

We are to seek the most through moral purity.

How disciplined is my worship?

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving.

Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together.

How disciplined is my devotional life?

There is no mastery in the Christian life apart from a disciplined devotional life of Bible reading and prayer.

Jesus taught prayer as both private and public.

Silent and spoken, seeking and waiting.

Disciplined prayer is personal, honest, specific, and consistent.

We are to read the Bible expectantly, submissively, and regularly.

How disciplined is my ministry?

God has given a ministry to every believer.

This is both a privilege and a responsibility.

To renew your walk may mean a change of masters and a change in direction.

It will result in fulfillment instead of frustration.

It will mean a life of rest in your soul.

Peace only comes when a life is lived for God.

This is the prayer the church needs to pray, "Renew our church Lord, and renew my walk with you and for others".

And in that life will be found the peace of God, the fulfillment of the Kingdom of Heaven and service to others.