

We've been given the gift of **eternal life** forever, the **experience** the benefits of this gift in time,

we must walk by means the same **Spirit**, by which we were brought to life !!!

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## How to maintain

# Eternal LIFE

The goal for every believer that God is wanting us to achieve, is to remain **remain** in the realm of **LIFE**

*Walking in the light is practicing truth*

The disciple of Christ depends on divine **TRUTH**, to maintain his spiritual walk:

a. Scripture is specific in its teachings, as to how we are to maintain when the desires of the **flesh** rise to oppose our walk of faith:

When scripture speaks of the **flesh**, it is metaphorically referring to our built-in sinful nature, the nature that we inherited by birth through Adam.

(John 8:12-13 (NIV84))

12 He [Jesus] was saying to **these Jews who had believed Him** - "You

**continue** in My light then you are truly disciples of Mine;

13 and you will know the **TRUTH**, and the **TRUTH** will make you free."

"Continuing in the word" is for somebody who is already justified !!!  
"Continuing in the word" are words of righteousness for the already justified

John 8:12-13 (NIV84)  
He has to stay within someone who has this and make righteousness a way of life.

1 John 1:8-9 (NIV84)  
18 And now, little children, abide in this, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at the coming.  
19 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

(Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV84))

1 **God**, who at various times and in various ways **speak to them past** by His Son, by His Son

2 **these last days** speaks to **US** by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also **He** made the worlds;

3 who being the brightness of His glory and the **express image** of His person

4 and upholding all things by His word, Jesus Christ is an exact representation of the Father

the word of His glory, whom He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

5 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

(John 14:1-11 (NIV84))

5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am **the Way**, the **truth**, and the **life**." No one comes to the Father except through Me.

7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Me and have seen Him."

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Those I have 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'?"

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?

Once again, to express - Jesus Christ is an exact representation of the Father

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.

11 Believe Me that **I am in the Father and the Father in Me**

so also believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

(John 14:11-12 (NIV84))

12 The **My thoughts** are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways **My ways**," says the Lord.

13 The **My thoughts** are higher than the earth, for **My ways** are higher than your ways, And **My thoughts** than your thoughts.

14 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bear, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater;

15 So shall **My words** that go forth from My mouth: It shall not return to Me void, But I shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

As we daily prepare our hearts to maintain our focus on the good Word of God, in the midst of testing, it generates eternal LIFE within us. It's the Word that we retain and obey, that will return in us, back to God, having accomplished its intended purpose.

**Dark** and **LIGHT** are equivalent to **LIFE** and **death**:

(Ephesians 5:1-8 (NIV84))

8 For you were once **darkness**, but now you are **LIGHT** in the Lord. **Walk** as children of **LIGHT**

9 for the **fruit of the Spirit** is in all goodness, righteousness, and **TRUTH**,

10 being what is so capable to the heart.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of **darkness**, but rather expose them.

12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the **light**, for whatever makes manifest is **LIGHT**.

14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the **dead**! And Christ will give you **LIGHT**."

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(Galatians 5:13-25 (NIV84))

14 I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the **flesh**

15 For the **flesh** sets against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the **flesh**; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish

16 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law

17 For the **works of the flesh** are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

18 idolatry, envy, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, discords, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in past years, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

19 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

all these

20 **Walking in the Spirit** is the result of spiritual activity in the heart

The **fruit of the Spirit** doesn't just happen to us

They are a result of comprehending the meaning of words of the scripture, use by word, that we convert those words to **verbs** when we put them to action

If those divine elements have had their intended effect in transforming our character, by means of the Holy Spirit, they will be the natural response to our interaction

21 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

22 **of more**

23 And **those who are Christ's** have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

24 If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk** in the Spirit,

25 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another

Let's then see what we can do:

1. **the Spirit** that can save us from **the Law**

We can to **walk in the sphere of love**

We can to **walk in the sphere of good works**

We can to **walk in the sphere of wisdom**

We can to **walk in the sphere or realm of truth**

2. **the Spirit** which that walk is accomplished in order to **maintain LIFE**

3 (Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV84))

3 If we **walk in faith** not by sight

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In other words, **the focus of our faith is in the Word of God**

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**Mysticism** is based on **faith** in our **feelings**, **intuitions**, and **impressions**.

But for a disciple of Christ, we walk by **faith** in the Word of God, not trusting in what God says to us, and that God's Word is more true than all the conclusions man can arrive at on the basis of reason alone or experience alone or our own feelings.

Faith here in 3-Corinthians 1:7 is referring to **the body of letters**, or **the body of doctrine**!

**TRUTH** revealed from heaven by God. We **walk** by means of **faith** in **TRUTH** the **Word** **able**, not by sight.

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**Walking** means to maintain the **practice** of **TRUTH**:

(John 1:1-9 (NIV84))

8 This is the message which **has** come from the Father and has been told to you, that God is **light** and in Him is no **darkness** at all.

Throughout Scripture there is this **contrast** between **light** and darkness.

**Light** represents the **absolute** purity and holiness, **absolute** perfection of God's character. He is perfect righteousness, and in Him there is no sin.

**Darkness** represents sin.

6 **Love** say the **Law** have fellowship with Him, and **walk in darkness** **truth** and do not

## practice the TRUTH

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8 **If we** say the **Love** have no sin, **Love** deceive ourselves, and the **TRUTH** is not in us.

9 **If we** confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive **our sins** and cleanse **us** from all unrighteousness.

**Walking in the light** is not equivalent to being a believer

Some Christians think **walking in the darkness** is an **unbeliever**

and **walking in the light** is a **believer**

But they have a very poor understanding of any of all of what that interpretation

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