

Walk As You Received:

*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
(Colossians 2:6)*

How did we receive Christ? The scripture has said that "as many as received Him to them gave he the power/right to be called the sons of God. But we did not receive Christ by our own power. We were not made the sons of God by blood nor by the will of the flesh nor by the will of man, but by the Sovereign Free Will and grace of God. We received Christ and believed on Him by the Work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth. (John 1:12-13; 3:5-8)

We by nature could not and would not receive Christ as all our salvation. (1 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 8:7) We like most religious men supposed Jesus to be a help to God. That He by His work of redemption, and by our decision or work of the flesh God would be pleased to accept us. But this natural religion is an abomination to God. (Prov. 11:1; 15:8) The unholy mixture of works and grace is a refuge of lies that will not stand in the day of Christ's Judgment. (Isa. 28:14-20; Rom. 11:5-6)

But God, who is rich in mercy, surprised us by His Grace. He came in power and exposed the vanity of our false refuge. He in grace disannulled our covenants of works and caused us to bow at the feet of the Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we came to Christ as the man *Full of leprosy*. We came confessing Christ to be God manifest in the flesh. We came in humility saying "*Lord if thou wilt thou canst make me clean.*"

Then in grace we found the Lord Jesus not only able to save those that come to God by him to the uttermost, but we found that he is a very willing savior. (Luke 5:12-14)

"All that the Father giveth to me, shall come to me and him that cometh to me I will in NO WISE CAST OUT! (John 6:37)

We who have been born again of the Spirit of God have received him even because He has cleansed us from all unrighteousness by His death. We receive Him because he has obtained and clothed us in the righteousness of God.

Oh the joy of his touch and the sweetness of his voice to all that have re-

ceived him: *I will be thou clean!*

So then, how have we received him? Only by the Free Grace of God through faith in Christ. Therefore let us so walk in Christ continually by faith, rooted and grounded in the gospel that we have both heard and received. Let us who are saved by grace be gracious. (Php. 1:27)

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