

# North Georgia Fellowship

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## Praise. Know. Walk. Stand

Elder Lloyd Wilkinson



### Special points of interest:

- God loves us.
- Why does God love us?
- What is our response?
- Are we walking in God's will?

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I love the way the apostle Paul writes. Especially the way he organized the letter to the Ephesians. The logic of it helps me to understand the right order of things.

In the first 3 chapters of Ephesians, Paul tells us what God has done for us. Then in the last 3 chapters he tells us what we should do. Preachers sometimes divide this into doctrine and practice. Doctrine in chapters 1-3. Practical living in chapters 4-6. (Actually, it's all doctrine. Doctrine is simply a teaching about something. So, there's doctrine about our eternal salvation in chapters 1-3 and then doctrine about how we should live our lives in chapters 4-6).

Another way to look at it is that Paul first tells us what God did for us, so that we are now sons and daughters or children of God. He adopted us into His family. This is sometimes called *sonship*. Then Paul tells us how we should live, what we should do, now that we are sons and daughters. What we should do as disciples or followers of our Lord. This is sometimes called *discipleship*. Even when God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit have done all that needs to be done for our eternal salvation, we still have something to do in response. Praise and know. And as we try to follow Jesus, Paul gives us our marching orders. Walk and stand.

Notice that these are all verbs.

We have something to do. Let's get to it.

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**Ephesians 1:3-9**, *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:"*

*should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ."*

**Ephesians 1:14**, *"Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."*

**Ephesians 1:15-19**, *"Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not 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 unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,"*

**Ephesians 3:8-12**, *"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, (Page 3)*



**Ephesians 1:12**, *"That we*

## Baptism!!

**Winter Garden PBC**—Winter Garden, FL

On Sunday, October 26, 2024, Winter Garden Church rejoiced at the baptism of **Brother Anthony David Blanchard**, age 5 (pictured below).



He is the son of Brother Bob and Sister Rachel Blanchard.



## Ordination!



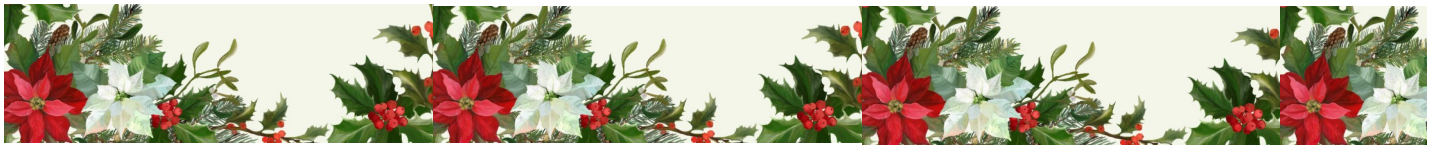
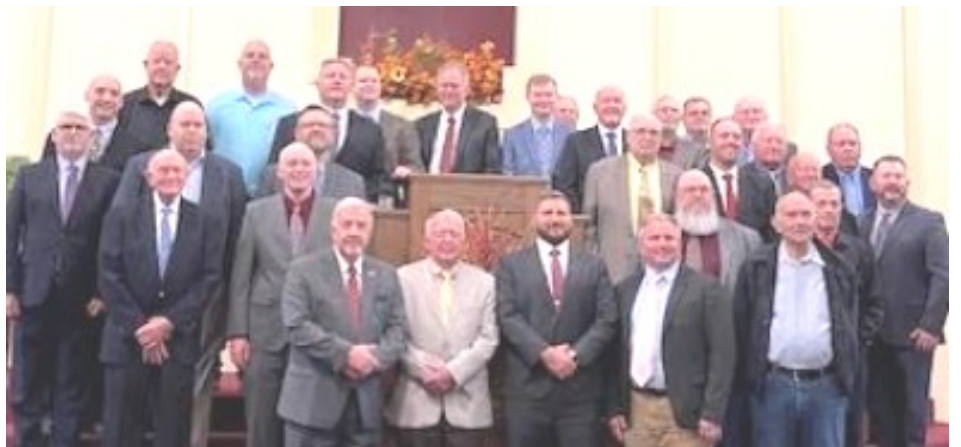
**Elder Morgan Sims**

**Grace PBC - Pearl, MS**

Grace Church ordained **Brother Morgan Sims** to the full work of the gospel ministry on Saturday, November 23, 2024, during their fall meeting.

Bethel PBC in Clanton, AL, called Brother Morgan to be their pastor in January and he accepted the call in March. He is there every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday he preaches at Gum Log PBC near Meridian, MS, until they find a pastor.

Please pray for Elder Morgan Sims and the churches he serves. Pictured below are the Elders and Deacons that formed the presbytery. Although several were unavailable at the time the photo was taken.



## Obituary



**Joseph Nall Fuller**, 84, of Longwood, Florida, passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2024. He was born in West Point, GA, on November 1, 1939. Joseph graduated from Edgewater High School and married Peggy Ann in March of 1958. He had a career in the Pawn Shop Industry for Apopka Pawn and Semoran Pawn and had a passion for hunting, biking, woodworking, and mechanics. Brother Joe was a member of Winter Garden Primitive Baptist Church.

Joseph is survived by his children, Joel Fuller, Jon Fuller and Georgia Griffin; grandchildren, Eric Fuller, Jenna Esobar, Daniel Fuller, Mary Heyer, and Mason Fuller; great grandchildren, Mila Fuller, Arthur Fuller, Nora Fuller, Jameson Fuller, Josephine Heyer, Peter Heyer and Julian Escobar and brother, Jack Fuller. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Peggy Ann Fuller and brother, Kent Fuller.

Email all announcements, prayer requests, praise reports, and other news to:

[MyraMedlin77@gmail.com](mailto:MyraMedlin77@gmail.com)

by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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*According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him."*

**Ephesians 4:1–6,** *"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."*

**Ephesians 5:1–2,** *"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."*

**Ephesians 5:15–16,** *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."*

**Ephesians 6:10–12,** *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

**Ephesians 6:13–20,** *"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth*

*boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."*

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Praise. *"To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."* So, the first thing we want to look at is the praise we should have for the glory of God who chose us, loved us, and saved us by his grace. Notice that the book begins with love (agape love), that selfless love that God has for us even when we were sinners and enemies of God. *"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"* He loved us through grace and with agape love. And the book ends with love and grace just as it begins with love and grace -- **Ephesians 6:23-24,** *"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen."* Agape (love) is used 19 times in Ephesians, beginning the book and ending it.

A theologian by the name of Thomas Jay Oord defined agape love as *"an intentional response to promote well-being when responding to that which has generated ill-being."* That means that if someone, especially someone in the church, does something that has hurt someone else, we should respond in selfless, agape love by trying to help them, not trying to strike back at them. This is closely related to forgiveness which is making a decision not to get even with someone who has hurt you. It's loving someone in action. In other words, doing something loving for them, when they don't have any ability to do anything for you in return.

Let's look a little bit closer at the opening scripture in chapter 1 to see just how much God loves and cares for His children. He chose us. He loves us. He predestinated us. He adopts us. He accepts us.

He chose us, He picked us out before the world and time began. For some reason, God created us and chose to

love us. We didn't deserve it. We sinned against Him. We've done terrible things. Hurting others, hurting loved ones, hurting ourselves.

Why would God love us? Good question. He did it because it pleased Him to do so. He did it for the good pleasure of His will. Not because we did anything to deserve His love.



He predestinated us. That means He pre-determined our destination. Before He created the world, He decided that a vast number of people, more numerous than the sands of the sea or the stars of the heavens, would go to heaven someday and would be made like His Son Jesus. And He would adopt them into His family to be the younger brothers and sisters of His Son Jesus. How about that! You have been adopted into the family of God. You are His child. You were an outsider, a sinner, and God adopted you. No matter what your family life is like in this world, God has adopted you into His family.

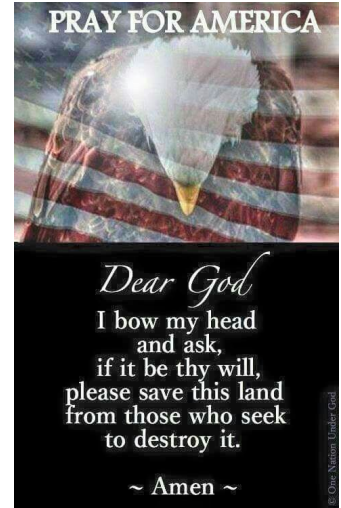
You know, it's fall and before you know it the holiday season will be upon us. It can be a stress filled time. Lots of things to do. Meals to cook. Houses to get ready for company. Presents to buy. And the thing you'll hear about on social media especially around the holidays is the stress and anxiety people feel when they're thinking about those holiday dinners and get-togethers with relatives they only see once or twice a year. There's always that one weird uncle or cousin who's going to embarrass everybody or make everything awkward. There is often a lot of tension around discussions about politics, religion, and even past family memories with (Page 5)

### Please Pray . . .

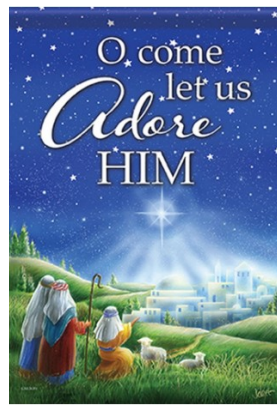


*Elder Royce Beal - health concerns*  
*Elder J.E. Griffis - health concerns*  
*Brother Bill Valentine - stage 4 bladder cancer*  
*Brother Lee Chandler - broken ribs, punctured lung*  
*Sister Twanna Hoskins - cancer*  
*Sister Joy Puckett - Back surgery*  
*Brother Bill and Sister Marteca Landers*

*Pray for our nation and leaders.*  
*Pray for the churches in need of pastors.*  
*Pray for those affected by the hurricane and storms.*



### Weekly/Monthly Meetings



**BOILING SPRINGS PBC** — 1200 BIRMINGHAM RD, MILTON, GA

We meet every **Tuesday** at **6 PM** for our mid-week meeting/Bible study.

**CAMP CREEK PBC** — 310 CAMP CREEK RD SW, LILBURN, GA

We have Wednesday night service by **Zoom** on the **first** and **third Wednesdays** each month at **7:15 PM**. To obtain the link please email [pastor@campcreekchurch.org](mailto:pastor@campcreekchurch.org)

**CROSSROADS ATLANTA/EBENEZER PBC** — 940 MT VERNON HWY NW, SANDY SPGS, GA

Worship at **10:30 AM** each **Sunday** — lunch on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP PBC** — 111 N PARK ST, DAHLONEGA, GA

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at **3PM**.

**FLAT SHOALS PBC** — STOCKBRIDGE, GA

We will have our Sunday service at **2PM** until further notice. For more info: [770-262-9254](tel:770-262-9254)

**FORSYTH PBC** — ALPHARETTA, GA

We have Bible Study **via Zoom** on **Wednesday** evenings at **6:45 PM**. Text Sis. Kathleen Heard [770.535.9284](tel:770-535-9284) to join.

**MOUNT PARAN PBC** — 3749 MOUNT PARAN CHURCH ROAD, SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA

We meet every **Wednesday** at **7 PM** for our Bible study in person and online via Zoom.

**UNION PBC** — 335 COX ROAD, ROSWELL, GA

We have Bible Study **Wednesdays** at **7 PM**, also **via Zoom**. The **Preachers' Meeting** is **via Zoom only** the **second Sunday** each month at **7 PM**. Text Bro. Marty Smith [770.401.7982](tel:770-401-7982) to join.

### SAVE the DATES!!

**JAN 11-12 (SAT-SUN)**

**ZION PBC - 2195 OLD JESUP ROAD, BRUNSWICK, GA**

**Annual Meeting. Worship: Saturday at 10AM, (lunch) and 1:30PM; and Sunday at 10:15AM (lunch) and 1:30PM Communion.**

**FEB 21-23, 2025 (FRI - SUN)**

**Annual Meeting** — Oak Grove PBC, 1440 Birmingham Rd., Milton, GA

**Worship: Friday at 6:30PM (pizza at 5:30PM); Saturday at 10:30AM (lunch) and afternoon; and Sunday at 10:30AM**

**Contact: Elder Brad Hansard [770.826.5822](tel:770.826.5822)**

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hurt feelings and wrongs that keep coming up time and time again. Forgive them, treat them with love even if they don't return the forgiveness and love. Show them grace.

Well, one day there's going to be a family reunion we can all look forward to. When all of the church, the family of Jesus, will be united in love and peace. **Ephesians 1:10-12, "That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ."** So, after all these good things, the choosing, the love, the predestination, the adoption, what should our response be?

Praise. To the praise of the glory of His grace. He says it three times in chapter 1. The last is in verse 14. The praise of His glory. We are supposed to praise our Lord and the glory of His grace. And we see in this scripture the third person of the trinity, the Spirit. Earlier in the chapter, we have seen that God the Father chose us and predestinated us. He adopted us by Jesus Christ and — **Ephesians 1:7-8, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;"** Jesus saved us through His blood and our sins were forgiven.

Now, the Spirit's part is in verse 13. God chose, Jesus redeemed, and the Spirit seals. You were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. The Spirit comes to live in your heart and seals you and marks you as being one of the chosen, the redeemed.

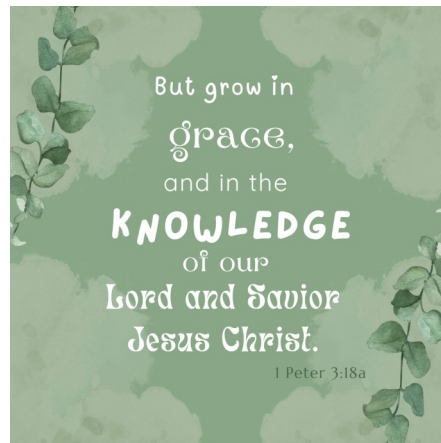
Have you ever seen in the movies, when a king melts some red wax and dips his stamp in the wax and seals a letter. The person, who receives the letter with the king's seal, knows it's directly from the king when the seal has not been broken.

That's what the Spirit does for us. He seals us and identifies that we are one of God's children. That seal is placed there

by God, and no one can break it. It says the Spirit in our hearts is the earnest of our inheritance.

Have you ever put down earnest money on a house? They usually ask you for \$500 or \$1000. When you give them that money, you are putting your claim on the house until it can officially be purchased. No one else can buy it.

That's what the Spirit is for us. It is a little bit of the wonderful inheritance we will have someday in heaven. And the Spirit in us, in our hearts — that is the earnest that we belong to God and no one else. He is God's claim on us as His adopted child. No one can ever claim us, ever again, but God. And then look -- it is to the praise of His glory.



In chapters 2 and 3, Paul gives us more amazingness, more amazing grace, for us to praise God. **Ephesians 2:4-6, "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"** **Ephesians 2:8-10, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."** We are God's workmanship, not our own. He has done the work. We are created in Christ unto good works. All of this salvation by God's grace, the choosing, the predestination, the redeeming, the sealing. It is unto good works. Sonship to discipleship. The mystery from creation until the time of

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Jesus, has been revealed. It is God himself, who will save His children, by sending His son to die for their sins. All of this is to the praise of His glory.

So, the first thing Paul covers in Ephesians is all of the wonderful things God has done for us and that we should praise Him for it. We often say it — Praise the Lord. That's exactly what we should do.

Know. Second, we should seek to know him. Praise and know. **"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:"** God through His Word, through the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us the knowledge of His grace and love and His salvation of the elect, His children. God could have done all of this: chosen us, redeemed us, regenerated us through the new birth of the Spirit -- He could have done all of this and not told us about it. We would have still been saved, to live in heaven someday. But God wanted us to know the good news. The gospel. That all is not lost. There is more to come. More life. Eternal life. So, He has given us this wonderful gospel that we can learn and know and rejoice in. Something that will give us great joy and happiness in this world. And peace. **Ephesians 2:14-15, "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;"** God has made the Jews and the Gentiles one. God has made us to see that we are all His children and that we should be united as one. The church, the body of Christ. This is Paul explaining that there is no difference any longer between Jew and Gentile, we are all one. But this also applies to us today in the church. We are supposed to be one in peace, in unity.

So, we have knowledge of the gospel, what Jesus has done for us. **Ephesians 2:19-22, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself** (Page 6)

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*being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”* In a very real way, we are a building together for a place for the Spirit to live.

Have you ever been to a really good meeting at church, and you go away walking on air, your feet barely touching the ground? And, you say, boy, I could really feel the Lord’s Spirit in that meeting. It says here that all of us in the church are fit together into a building, the church, where the Spirit will live. We are lively stones built on the foundation of the apostles and the cornerstone of Jesus Christ. Built into a single building in unity. That’s the kind of church we want to be. A place where the Lord’s Spirit wants to come and live.

God has provided for us to see this through the revelation of his word. We are meant to know these things. **Ephesians 3:9**, *“And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:”* The mystery has now been revealed. We now know that everything that was created was created through our Lord Jesus Christ. And for Him. We now know that Jesus came to die and save us from our sins and be resurrected to die no more. And he ends this section, the first 3 chapters. **Ephesians 3:17-21**, *“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”* Amen, and so be it.

*“To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge that you might be*

*filled with the fullness of God.”* When you have this knowledge, it allows you to be filled with who God is and what He has done for you and what He wants you to do. Now that you’ve praised him for all He’s done for you, and you have the true knowledge of what He’s done for you, He’s got something for you to do. He wants you to walk and stand.

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Walk. *“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,”* God wants you to walk worthy of what He’s done for you. You have an obligation to do that. When he says walk here, he is talking about living your life. That’s the walk, the way you live your life. Sometimes called your conversation or the way you behave. We have work to do. We must walk. And He tells you how he wants you to walk. He wants you to walk in the unity of the Spirit.

If we are all walking in God’s will, we



will be walking in the unity of the Spirit. We should always be asking ourselves at every step of the way in the church and in our lives: are we walking in God’s will?

He tells us how to walk: with all lowliness and meekness. We’re supposed to be humble in all things. We’re supposed to be longsuffering and forbearing with each other. When we do this, we’re trying to keep the unity of the Spirit and keep the peace. This is how we walk.

This is our Christian Walk. And He doesn’t leave us to guess at what that means. He gives us some specific examples. We all have some gifts to use in our walk. **Ephesians 4:7**, *“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the*

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*measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.”* I believe that this is teaching that everyone is given a gift or gifts they can use in their Christian Walk. In their service to the Lord. That’s not only a gift to use in the church. It IS that, too. But I believe that it is a gift that you can use every day as a representative of the church and of your Lord. To the world outside.

When people see the grace given to you and how you let your light shine, people will say wow — I want me some of that! When you’re longsuffering, forbearing, humble, people will take notice. You then may have the opportunity to tell them about being a follower of Jesus, and to come along for the ride as we all learn about Him.

**Ephesians 4:11-13**, *“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”* There’s that unity again. Unity of the faith. That’s the work of the ministry. That we should be united in the faith. That’s what it’s all about. Unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God. Back to *knowing* again. And the goal of this unity of the faith is so we can be more like Jesus. A perfect man. Not sinless perfection like Jesus, but a mature man or woman in the faith.

He talks about giving up our old ways as he ends chapter 4. **Ephesians 4:31-32**, *“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”*

He gets specific in chapter 5. How we’re supposed to walk in our roles in life. First, walk in love. *“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,”* If we have that before us as our guiding light, to walk in love, we can apply that to all our relationships. **Ephesians 5:8-9**, *“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in (Page 7) all goodness and righteousness and*

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*truth;)*” And there are some warnings in there too, about what not to do. **Ephesians 5:15-16**, “*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*” That means to walk accurately, correctly, well, seeking God’s wisdom in your life. Redeeming the time means to use the time you have left well, don’t waste your life. He’s saying you must really focus on this, be wise about it, because we live in evil times and there are many distractions.

**Ephesians 5:19-21**, “*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*” You have to be diligent about dwelling on the things of God, keeping a song in your heart, giving thanks to God. These things will keep you focused on your good walk and the way you live a Godly life.

Submitting yourselves to one another. This is something we don’t do very well. I think part of it is our culture. We want to be our own man or woman. We don’t want to depend on others. We don’t want to submit. We want to do it our way as Frank Sinatra says. But that’s not God’s way. We should all submit ourselves to one another.

Notice he says this before he gets into the very specific examples. **Ephesians 5:22-25**, “*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*” In our roles in life, wives submit themselves to the spiritual leadership of their husbands, and all of us in the church submit ourselves to Christ as the head of the church. Husbands love your wives. There is submission in that love, too. Husbands are supposed to submit to loving their wives, even when they don’t want to, even when

they would rather be doing something for themselves. Even Jesus submitted to the will of the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, when He asked for the cup to pass Him by. But then He said not My will, but Father, Your will be done.

Children have something to do in their walk, too. The way they’re supposed to walk or live. **Ephesians 6:1-4**, “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*”

He goes on to say servants are to obey their masters. Obeying is a part of a good walk for all of us. Children, obey your parents, servants obey your masters. That applies to all of us. Employees obey your employers. Jesus Christ is our Lord and master. We are to obey him.

Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath. Fathers are not supposed to deal so harshly with their children that they come to resent and even hate their parents. So, your walk, your Christian Walk is really the way you live your life. That’s what walk means.

Stand. “*Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*” By walking the disciple’s walk, we mature in the faith, so that we can become strong columns, pillars in the building of the church that has Christ as the chief corner stone. Always there to be counted on.

When you become that perfect, mature man or woman in the church, then you can stand as a column in the church, as a bulwark, a defensive wall. You can’t be moved. Your faith is strong, mature. You’re ready to be a warrior in the kingdom of God, with the breastplate and shoes and shield and helmet for defense against the evil, wicked one. And you have a sword, the word of God as offense to fight back, drive the evil away. So, we stand.

**Ephesians 6:18**, “*Praying always with*

*all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*” Then we are to be peacemakers, praying and watching. Making sure that the peace is being kept. Being on the front lines to fix problems and recover members when they go astray. We need to stand, pray, and watch for the saints.

Let’s love each other, pray for each other, persevere, keep it up day in and day out, not forgetting to pray for our brothers and sisters, our husbands, and wives, our children, and our parents. Persevering in those prayers, those supplications. Let’s treat each other like we are part of the same body, because we are. Let’s do everything we can to take care of every member of our body, not ignoring any that need our care.

**Praise** God for all He’s done for you.

**Know** and learn all about Him and what He’s done for you.

**Walk** or live the kind of life He wants you to live, because of all He has done for you.

**Stand** steadfast in the faith and in prayer and in fighting evil, because God has done so much for you.

May the Lord bless you.



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## Special Meetings

**DEC 1 (SUN)**

**ATHENS AREA FELLOWSHIP MTG** — 5900 HWY 81, LOGANVILLE, GA  
Shiloh Church will host the **Athens Area Fellowship Mtg** at 4PM. Elder Dwayne Hooven (NC) is the invited preacher.

**DEC 1 (SUN)**

**FLAT SHOALS PBC** — 2052 FAIRVIEW ROAD, STOCKBRIDGE, GA  
Lic. Jackson Walsh (GA) will preach for us. Worship: 2PM

**DEC 1 (SUN)**

**SHOAL CREEK PBC** — 65 SHOALS CREEK CHURCH RD, MANSFIELD, GA  
Elder Victor Halbgewachs (GA) will preach for us. Worship: 10:30AM

**DEC 7 (SAT)**

**Mount Paran PBC**, 3749 Mt Paran Church Rd, Social Circle, GA  
Join us for our **Winter Sing** at 10:30AM (lunch) and afternoon. We will sing Christmas Carols and hymns until lunch. After lunch we typically go caroling.

**DEC 8 (SUN)**

**FLAT SHOALS PBC** — 2052 FAIRVIEW ROAD, STOCKBRIDGE, GA  
Elder Silas Ford (GA) will preach for us. Worship: 2PM

**DEC 8 (SUN)**

**SANDY SPRINGS PBC** — 940 MT VERNON HWY NW, SANDY SPRINGS, GA  
Elder Kevin Kennedy will preach for us. Worship: 10:30AM

**DEC 8 (SUN)**

**SHOAL CREEK PBC** — 65 SHOALS CREEK CHURCH RD, MANSFIELD, GA  
Elder Marvin Pitney will preach for us. Worship: 10:30AM

**DEC 14-15 (SAT-SUN)**

**NANCY CREEK PBC** — 1685 EIGHTH STREET, CHAMBLEE, GA  
Please join us as we celebrate our **Bicentennial Service**. Worship: **Saturday** at 10:30AM (lunch) and caroling; **Sunday** at 10:30AM (lunch). Elder Glenn Ray will be with us Saturday. Contact: Elder Royce Beal [770.309.3626](tel:770.309.3626)

**DEC 15 (SUN)**

**FLAT SHOALS PBC** — 2052 FAIRVIEW ROAD, STOCKBRIDGE, GA  
Elder Kevin Kennedy (GA) will preach for us. Worship: 2PM

**DEC 22 (SUN)**

**FLAT SHOALS PBC** — 2052 FAIRVIEW ROAD, STOCKBRIDGE, GA  
Elder David Smith (GA) will preach for us. Worship: 2PM

**DEC 22 (SUN)**

**LITTLE RIVER MTG** — 1200 BIRMINGHAM ROAD, MILTON, GA  
Boiling Springs Church will host the meeting. Worship: 7PM

**DEC 22 (SUN)**

**SHOAL CREEK PBC** — 65 SHOALS CREEK CHURCH RD, MANSFIELD, GA  
Elder Zack Guess (TN) will preach for us. Worship: 10:30AM

**DEC 29 (SUN)**

**FLAT SHOALS PBC** — 2052 FAIRVIEW ROAD, STOCKBRIDGE, GA  
Elder Marty Smith (GA) will preach for us. Worship: 2PM

**DEC 29 (SUN)**

**OAK GROVE PBC** — 1440 BIRMINGHAM ROAD, MILTON, GA  
Elder Michael Johnson will preach for us. Worship: 10:30AM (lunch).

**DEC 29 (SUN)**

**SHOAL CREEK PBC** — 65 SHOALS CREEK CHURCH RD, MANSFIELD, GA  
Elder Robert Adam will preach for us. Worship: 10:30AM

**DEC 29 (SUN)**

**TALLAPOOSA PBC** — 1021 TYUS CARROLLTON RD, CARROLLTON, GA  
Elder Joe Hayes (GA) will preach for us. Worship: 10:30AM while Elder James Blair will be at Rome-Midway PBC.

