

"By the Spirit" - Class 3

Walk by the Spirit

1. Walk Away, 5:16-21

- **Romans 7** - to which **Romans 8** is the answer - a Spirit-guided response - **8:27**
- **Rom 8:9** - we are in the realm of the Spirit, **v12-13** we can put to death the old life
- All I dislike about this world will be improved by a more Christ-like version of me.
- One of our aspirations: "always free but spiritual", **Galatians 5:13**
- Solution provided by God so that we can walk in the right direction, **Rom 8.26-27**:
 - Spirit is on our side
 - Spirit prays for us
 - Spirit moves us towards the will of God

Question: "What helps us to walk away?"

2. Walk Towards, 5:22-25

- **Matt 7:15**, fruit makes us recognisable for who we are, **7:19-20**.
- Not 'normal' levels of human qualities - but Jesus-level!
- That's why we need the Spirit's life in us (Spirit of Christ, **Rom 8.9**), **2 Cor 3:17-18**
- Direction, not arrival; Process, not product; Lifetime, not year
- **John Mark** - from hindrance to helpful: **Acts 15:37-38 / 2 Timothy 4:11**

Question: "What helps us to walk towards?"

3. Walk With, 5:26; 6:1-2

- Growing in the Spirit makes us ready for service
- Treating one another right, **5.26**
- Helping one another when we stray, **6.1-2**
- Remembering we are human too, **Gal 6.3**
- A peacemaker, **Matthew 5:9**

Question: "What helps us to walk with?"

Conclusion, 6.7-10

- People of "The Way": **Acts 9:2; 19.9, 23; 24.14, 22**
- Walking in a particular and different direction:
 - Walking away
 - Walking towards
 - Walking with
- **Gal 5.6b; 6:10**

- What does each of these points mean for you and your 'group'?
- How will you adjust the way you pray & live as a result?
- Do you have questions about the Spirit? Send them to malcolm@malcolmcox.org.