

The Life: Walking as Jesus Christ Walked  
1 John 2:3-11

We Ought to Be Able to Say What We Know with Our Lives, Not Just with Our Lips – 1 Jo 2:6

- The Scriptures point to a God-designed tension in this world – Heb 12:26-27

(Ro 11:36; Is 43:1-3; 45:3-7; Ja 1:2-4; Acts 14:22; 1 Pet 5:10)

...God making use of “all things” for His ultimate purposes – Ro 8:28

...God testing/exposing the objects of our faith

...God’s agenda: that we might know Him – Jo 17:3

- To abide in Christ is to see Him as the Source, Substance, and Supply for our living  
– Col 1:27; 3:4

...What is true of Him, is true in us – 1 Jo 2:8; 4:17

...“Ought” implies ability and choice – 1 Jo 2:6

...Jesus walked by faith – Jo 5:19,30; 6:38; 8:28 – and in love – Jo 13:1

(Be careful of those who claim special knowledge of Christ without a consistent expression of His character – 1 Jo 2:4,9)

Walking by Faith and in Love:

- Faith: Saying what God says – II Cor 5:7

...Taking God at His word in face of apparent denial – Jo 17:17; II Cor 4:17-18

...Walking by faith excludes self-determination – Lk 5:5; Matt 26:39

...The obedience of faith is born of love, not law – 1 Jo 2:5; 4:8

- Love: Living as God lives... for others – Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8; 1 Jo 2:10

...Walking in love excludes self-interest as our primary motive – Phil 2:3-8

...Christian profession without loving expression is a lie – 1 Jo 2:4

...Consequences of not loving: “darkness”, “stumbling”, “blindness” – 1 Jo 2:9-11

...True (God’s) love isn’t blind, true love sees what no one else sees – Matt 9:36