# TRUTH Essentials of the Faith



## **WALKING WITH JESUS**

MEMORY VERSE: "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Jesus called His disciples to walk through life with Him, and their lives were transformed. This lesson is how to walk through life with Jesus as Christians.

DAY 1 Colossians 3:12-13 — How Jesus Wants Us to Live

- 1. What does the apostle Paul tell us about believers? v. 12a What does "holy people" mean? See definition of holy people.
- 2. What characteristics and attitudes should be seen in a Christian's life? vv. 12-13
- 3. What does verse 13b tell us to do? Why? Do you ever find it difficult to forgive others?

DAY 2 Colossians 3:14-17 — Living as Representatives of Lord Jesus

- 4. Read verse 14. Why does love "bind us all together in perfect harmony?" How might your life look different if you loved more?
- 5. Read verse 15. How do we let Christ's peace rule in our hearts? Why is being thankful an important part of holy living?

- 6. Read verse 16. What does this mean? How do we do this?
- 7. Read verses 17. What does it mean to be a representative of Lord Jesus? Why is it so important to live this way?

## DAY 3 ROMANS 12:1-2 — Being Transformed by God

8. What do you think it means to "give your body to God" and be a "living sacrifice?"

- 9. What does God not want you to do? v. 2a Can you think of a few examples of how the Bible might change the way you think that the world says is normal or good?
- 10. Who transforms us into new people? How does He do it? How does God describe His will for us? v. 2

# DAY 4 PSALM 145:18-21 — Praising God for Who He Is

11. Who is the Lord close to? Who does He fulfill desires for? Who does He protect? vv. 18-20

12. Review the definition of truth. How do you call on the Lord "in truth"? Are you calling upon the Lord and doing it in truth?
13. Read verse 21. Why should we praise God? What should we praise God for?
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14. Again and again the Bible tells us to walk with God. After studying this lesson, what does walking with Jesus mean to you?
15. How does walking with Jesus give us confidence in His presence and power?
BELIEVE

As Christ followers, we are holy people chosen by Jesus to be continually transformed to be more like Him to bring Him honor and glory. As we continue to live out the good news of Jesus we will then be more loving, forgiving, and grateful. May you give your life as a sacrifice to God and see His good, perfect, and pleasing will at work in your life!

### **PRAY**

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the promise to walk daily with me. Please guide and teach me, as I let Your Word and truth transform my mind and heart so I will know Your will for my life. May all my words actions be honoring to You as I thank You every step of the way. Amen.

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# Various References (NLT)

### DAY 1

Colossians 3:12-13: 12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

**Holy people:** set apart for use by God; a continual work by the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. A life like God wants you to live.

### DAY 2

Colossians 3:14-17:

14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. 16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. 17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

### DAY 3

Romans 12:1-2: 1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

#### DAY 4

Psalm 145:18-21: 18 "The Lord is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He grants the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cries for help and rescues them. 20 The Lord protects all those who love him, but he destroys the wicked. 21 I will praise the Lord, and may everyone on earth bless his holy name forever and ever"

**Truth:** God's Word is truth. It comes from God and can be trusted; genuine; honest; reliable.