

Vicarious Sacrifice: Biblical Words for Memory Traces; “Walk in Newness of Life,” Rom 6:4, *Peripatéō*: the Spiritual Walk Must Control the Physical Walk; Retroactive Spiritual Truth Empowers Believers to Engage in the Invisible War: Sins Are Forgiven & Human Good & Evil Is Rejected, & Divine Armor Is Provided by Life inside the Bubble & by Matriculation in the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics

33. *Trochiá* is a hapax legomenon, but *peripatéō* and *derek* are not, so let’s observe a few examples of each, first with *peripatéō* in the New Testament and, secondly, with *derek* in the Old.

1 Corinthians 3:3 - For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking [*peripatéō*] like mere men?

Ephesians 4:1 - I, a prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.

Philippians 3:17 - Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. **18** - For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ.

2 John 6 - And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it. (NASB)

1 Samuel 18:14 - David was prospering in all his ways [*derek*] for the Lord was with him.

Psalms 95:10 - “For forty years I loathed that generation [**Exodus**], and said they are a people who err in their heart, and they do not know My ways.”

Proverbs 3:6 - In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths [אֲרָחַ ('*orach*)] straight.

Isaiah 42:16 - “I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, in paths [נְתִיב (*nathiv*)] they do not know I will guide them. I will make darkness into light before them and rugged places into plains. These are the things I will do, and I will not leave them undone.”

NOTE: This last example will be quoted in the context of Jeremiah's entire paragraph since it is prophetic of our client nation's current Zeitgeist:

Jeremiah 23:16 - Thus says the Lord of the armies, "Do not listen to the words of the false prophets who prophesy unto you falsely. They make your soul vacuous, they speak a vision of their own human viewpoint and not out of the mouth of the Lord.

v. 17 - "They continuously say to those who despise Me, 'The Lord has said, "You will have peace"; and they say unto every one who walks [הלך (*halach*): **pathways or behaviors of one's life**] after the imagination of his own human viewpoint, 'No evil will come upon you.'

v. 18 - "For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord and has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it?

v. 19 - "Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury even a grievous whirlwind. It shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

v. 20 - "The anger of the Lord shall not turn back until He has executed and carried out the thoughts of His mind; in the latter days you will understand it perfectly.

Jeremiah 23:21 - "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran to you. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied to you.

v. 22 - "But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings." (EXT)

34. "Walk in newness of life" begins with the aorist active subjunctive of the verb **περιπατέω (peripatéō)**. It is a compound made up of the preposition **περί (peri)**: "the central point from which an action proceeds," and **πατέω (patéō)**: "a path; a beaten way."

35. Taken together, the compound of *peripatéō* means coordinated movement away from a central point. Walking takes on a figurative application. Walking consists of energy to move forward which requires energy, balance, orientation, and purpose.
36. The central starting point in the Christian way of life is the moment of salvation. It is from that starting point the new believer has all the assets necessary to grow in grace.
37. Through personal interest, concentration, and retention, he has the volitional power to apply what he has learned to life and circumstances.
38. Along the way – *peripatéō* – he advances to the level of spiritual growth called in this verse “newness of life.” In the process, his spiritual growth supplies energy, balance, orientation, and purpose.
 - (1) **Energy** or power is supplied by the filling of the Holy Spirit.
 - (2) **Balance** is provided by inculcation and application of biblical truth.
 - (3) **Orientation** is developed by doctrinal and grace orientation in spiritual adulthood: Spiritual self-esteem, spiritual autonomy, and spiritual maturity.
 - (4) **Purpose** is confirmed when executing the plan of God by sharing the happiness of God and receiving escrow blessings in time.
39. It is important to understand that in facilitating wheel-tracks of righteousness the spiritual walk must control the physical walk.
40. The physical walk is under the control of the sin nature and the spiritual walk is neutralized because the filling of the Holy Spirit is absent.
41. The spiritual walk is made possible because of retroactive positional truth. Identification with Jesus in His spiritual death means our sins have been judged and the sin nature’s power is broken by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

42. Secondly, since human good and evil were not imputed to Christ for judgment means that in the Church Age believers become combatants in the intensified stage of the angelic conflict.
43. The enablement to compete in the conflict is provided by life inside the bubble. The power to compete is provided by the Holy Spirit. The knowledge of how to compete is provided by doctrine resident in the *kardía*. The advantage against competition in the conflict is deployment of the ten problem-solving devices. Victory in the scrums of the conflict is the execution of divine good.
44. What promotes this process toward the victorious spiritual life is the principle of walking – the steady, forward advance in the Divine Academy of Grace Didactics.[†]
45. Later in Romans, Paul speaks of the mind being transformed by its renovation in chapter 12, verse 2. What you think must enter into a process whereby cosmic thought is inhibited while at the same time divine thought is facilitated.

[†]“Didactic (διδασκτικός): intended to convey instruction and information as well as pleasure and entertainment; systematic instruction: pedagogy” [*Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, 2d ed., s.v. “didactic”].