



Daily Verse and Comment

Hebrews 11:5

(5) By faith Enoch was transported so that he would not look upon death, and was not found because God had transported him; for before his departure it was testified of him that he pleased God.

A Faithful Version

The fact that Paul states Enoch walked *with* [God](#) suggests a relationship had been established between them. Enoch had thus already experienced what Abel's example teaches. Enoch's example takes us to the next logical step in a faithful person's movement toward glorification. In his arrangement of examples of [faith](#), Paul is emphasizing, not chronological, but experiential order, that is, faith as experienced in practical life. In a true life of faith, walking with God follows justification.

"Walk" and "walking" are the Bible's most frequently used metaphors for two related concepts. Depending upon the translation, they are used almost three hundred times to indicate interaction with another and making progress toward a destination. Somewhat related but used to a lesser extent, "walk" or "walking" indicates the passage of time as a person continues in a chosen direction of life and lifestyle. For example:

» [Psalm 1:1](#) : "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly."

» [Proverbs 4:14](#) : "Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil."

» [Daniel 4:37](#) : "And those who walk in pride He is able to abase."

» [Micah 6:8](#) : "And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to [love](#) mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

» [Psalm 119:45](#) : "And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts."

Scores of similar descriptions are scattered throughout the Bible. They provide a composite picture of the wide variety of the facets of the godly person's and the evil person's manners of life. Since [Amos 3:3](#) shows that two cannot walk together unless they agree, a person walking with God illustrates that the two are in agreement. This does not mean the person is perfect, but it does imply God's acceptance of him at that stage of his life.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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