



# Theory & Practice

- Abiding in Him -

1 John 2:6

# "Ought"

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## **Ought – to be under obligation.**

- ✓ Man is created with a duty – *Ecclesiastes 12:13* (KJV)
- ✓ Man is under a universal authority – *Matthew 28:18; Acts 2:34-38*
- ✓ There is but one way to God, and man ought to go that way –  
*Matthew 7:13-14; John 14:6*

# "Himself"

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## **Himself – personalizes the obligation.**

- ✓ Each must bear his own load – *Galatians 6:5*
- ✓ Each will be judged on whether he has carried out his obligation – *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Romans 2:6, 11*
- ✓ Each must work out his own salvation – *Philippians 2:12*
- ✓ Each must be given to constant introspection – *2 Corinthians 13:5*

# "Also to walk"

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**Also to walk – connection of the statement of theory with the obligation in action.**

- ✓ The theory must both be heard and applied – *James 1:22-25*
- ✓ Faith must be shown with works – *James 2:14-18, 26*
- ✓ The obligation must be acknowledged and fulfilled – *Luke 6:46; Matthew 7:21-23*
- ✓ The walk must be continual until the end is met – *Hebrews 4:9-10; John 9:4-5*

# "Just as"

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**Just as – restricts the obligation of walking to a specific standard.**

- ✓ There is only one way and truth that brings the one life – *John 14:6*
- ✓ The words which communicate the obligation must not be altered – *Deuteronomy 4:2*
- ✓ To alter the words is to alter your outcome – *Leviticus 10:1-3; Numbers 20:7-12*
- ✓ Every branch must bear fruit JUST AS the vine or else it is not of the vine – *John 15:1-2; Matthew 7:15-20*

# "He walked"

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## **He walked – the standard identified.**

- ✓ Christ is the standard of imitation – *1 Corinthians 11:1*
- ✓ Christ is known through His words and commandments – *1 John 2:3-6*
- ✓ Only those who abide in His word are His disciples – *John 8:31-32*
- ✓ There is no gray area. Christ is light – *1 John 1:5-7; 2:1*
- ✓ To deviate from the standard is to sin, and one must repent, confess, and ask forgiveness to get back to the walk – *1 John 1:8-10; 5:14-17*

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