

Walk Worthy
Ephesians 4:1-3

I. Intro

- A. Reach 5
- B. We enter into the imperative statements of action
- C. Notice Paul does not start the letter with this action.
 - 1. He lays the groundwork
 - 2. He explains the reason
 - 3. We have now been enlightened to the truth
- D. After the foundation of the “Why” has been established, He now tells us the “What”
 - 1. As a believer, you have a responsibility
 - 2. What your responsibility is not:
 - a) To be the savior
 - b) To be the sustainer
 - c) To be the answer to the problem
 - d) To be to one who holds all of Christianity together
 - 3. What your responsibility is:
 - a) To walk the walk, and talk the talk...but not to be saved, it is a product of your salvation.
 - b) To serve the cause of Christ
 - c) To develop your giftedness, and become what God intends you to be.
- E. It is time for believers to step up, but to do so rightly:
 - 1. Not excusing sin, which leads to immorality
 - 2. Not to practice self righteousness, to be seen Holy in the eyes of men.
 - 3. We allow God to work in us, and through us.

II. Text

- A. Verse 1: After the praise break, Paul refers us back to His statement about of being less than the least of the apostles
 - 1. The Therefore:
 - a) You have been called to be children of God by adoption.
 - (1) God has accepted you. 1:6
 - (2) God has redeemed you. 1:7
 - (3) He has forgiven your sins. 1:7
 - (4) He has made known to you the mystery of His will. 1:9
 - (5) You have been made heirs of God. 1:11
 - (6) He has sealed you with His Holy Spirit. 1:13
 - (7) He has made you alive together in Christ. 2:5
 - (8) He has saved you by grace. 2:5
 - (9) Seated you in heavenly places in Christ. 2:6
 - (10)He is working in you, to prepare you to accomplish His eternal purposes. 2:10
 - (11)He has brought you near by the blood of Jesus Christ. 2:13
 - (12)He has reconciled you to God. 2:16
 - (13)He has given you access by the Spirit to the Father. 2:18
 - (14)He has made you a fellow citizen of the household of God. 2:19
 - (15)He now indwells you by His Spirit. 2:22
 - (16)He has made known the mystery. 3:3
 - (17)He is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or think. 3:20
 - b) **BECAUSE OF ALL THAT: WALK WORTHY!**
- B. Verse 2-3: How
 - 1. With Humility
 - 2. With Gentleness
 - 3. With Patience

4. With Love
5. With unity
6. With peace

III. Points

A. Start the Walk

1. Believe In Jesus
2. It's His plan, and His fulfillment of the plan.
3. You can't save yourself, you can't sustain yourself
4. Trust Christ and His atoning work for salvation.

B. Keep on Walking

1. This faith walk requires obedience in the face of uncertainty
2. This Faith walk requires selflessness in the face of selfishness
3. This faith walk reminds us of the joy we have in the gospel of Christ
4. Chuck Smith Quote: "To try to walk worthy without the aid of all that God has done would be an interesting study in frustration and futility. So many sermons exhort the saints on how they should walk, what they should be doing for Jesus, but never instructing them in what God has first done for them. The result is guilt ridden frustrated saints."
5. Understand, the walk we have been called to walk is one that is empowered by the complete truth and power of God. NOT SELF.
6. When you fall:
 - a) Get up, repent, and serve again
 - b) We are not going to make every perfect step, but we can certainly walk with intention.
7. Glorietta Hike with teens...Young lady twisted her ankle at the top of the mountain... we didn't leave her there, we carried her when she couldn't walk. And then we saw her playing volleyball that night...

C. Finish the Walk

1. Don't stop serving in this attitude of gratitude
2. Stay the course
3. When our race has been run, our hope should be that we finished.
4. Every distance race starts with the same goal for me: finish
 - a) Somewhere along the way, I have hopes of winning a medal
 - b) Then those hopes are dashed by reality...I am limited
5. Finishing strong begins with purposing in your heart and mind to do so.
6. Finishing strong then involves a million other decisions along the way to do what you set out to do.
7. What is your motivation to finish strong?
 - a) The only thing that will last until the end, is the Holy Spirit's work
 - b) You and I will run out of "want to" and "try harder" and frustration will ensue.
8. You will finish strong because it is who you are!

IV. Close

A. We are called to a High Calling

B. So High a calling, we can't do it on our own.

C. A plea from your pastor:

1. Walk worthy with North Park
2. Do the hard things with joy and purpose
3. Stay, serve, Grow our church and grow the kingdom!

[Eph 4:1-3 ESV] 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.