

MESSAGE

Occasion : Morning Worship
Date : October 8, 2017

TITLE : THE WORTHY WALK
Text/s :

Col 1:10-12

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Bible Reading :

Col 2:6-7

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

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Eph 4:1-6

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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Song/s :

INTRODUCTION

See the different verses which admonish us to have the worthy walk.

1 Thess 2:12

12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

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Phil 1:27-28

27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

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Eph 5:15-17

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

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Eph 5:2

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

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When do we begin such a walk?

- The worthy walk begins from the New Birth

Rom 8:1

8 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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Col 2:6-7

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

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Eph 4:17-19

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

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- The worthy walk is first manifested in our declaration of obedience to Christ

Rom 6:4

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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- The worthy walk becomes significant as we recognize God's calling and gifts

1 Cor 7:17

17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

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Eph 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

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Walk

NT:4043

<START GREEK>peripate/w

<END GREEK> peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o); from NT:4012 and NT:3961; to tread all around, i.e. walk at large (especially as proof of ability); figuratively, to live, deport oneself, follow (as a companion or votary): KJV - go, be occupied with, walk (about).

What does this worthy walk constitute?

A) The worthy walk has faith. It has belief, trust, obedience and dependence upon God's Word.

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing..." This has something to do with the Christian's purpose in life

Col 1:10

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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1 Thess 4:1

4 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

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This is a walk that pleases God; and we know that there is nothing that can please God except it be by faith. This, therefore, is a walk that has Faith. A walk of faith that pleases God.

1) We please God by manifesting faith in our walk.

This is how Abraham walked.

Rom 4:12

12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

2 Cor 5:7

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

- 2) It is not therefore that of merely walking but knowing the faith behind the walk.
 - a) Faith cometh through hearing the Word of God; Walking is by this faith that comes through the Word of God;
 - b) We know the truth of the Word through preaching, teaching;
 - c) It is through the in-depth preaching, teaching, studying of the Word in the church where a believer learns how to walk.
 - d) It is a walk according to what is taught in His Word.

B) The worthy walk has fruitfulness. It brings results.

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord...being fruitful in every good work...”

Col 1:10

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; KJV

Eph 5:8-11

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

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Eph 5:8-9

8 For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light].

9 For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the Light or the Spirit [consists] in every form of kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life.

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Eph 5:8-10

8 For you used to be darkness; but now, united with the Lord, you are light. Live like children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light is in every kind of goodness, rightness and truth — 10 try to determine what will please the Lord.

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Eph 5:8-9

Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)

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Eph 5:8-9

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

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This is what is seen in his every area of service

- 1) It is in God's design that a believer be fruitful; as it is in His design that trees should bear fruit.
Matt 21:19-20

- 19 And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.
- 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away!

John 15:16

- 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Eph 2:10

- 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

- 2) It is in our abiding in Christ that fruits come. It is in our abiding in His truth, in His Word, in His will, in His command, in His plan.

John 15:4

- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

- 3) It is in His design that we bear more fruit and much fruit

John 15:8

- 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples

Titus 3:14

- 14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

C) The worthy walk has advancement and progress.

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord ...increasing in the knowledge of God...”

Col 1:10

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Increased knowledge of God

- 1) The knowledge of God cannot be compared with any other knowledge

Jer 9:23-24

- 23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:
 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

- 2) This knowledge should be the primary focus of the believer if he is to have a worthy walk

- a) It is an excellent knowledge

Phil 3:8

- 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

- b) It is a blessed knowledge

Matt 16:16-17

- 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

c) It is an illuminating knowledge

2 Cor 4:4-6

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:17-23

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

D) The worthy walk has strength and stability

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord...Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power...”

Col 1:11

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

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(Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power – the resurrection power – the power that overcame sin and death)

1) This is strength that comes through Christ

Phil 4:13

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

2) This is strength that was seen when He rose from the dead

Eph 1:19-21

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Eph 3:20-21

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

3) This is strength through all that would come before our lives and before our integrity as believers

2 Pet 1:3

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

E) The worthy walk has thanksgiving

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord...Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light...”

Col 1:12

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

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1) It cannot be that a Christian has nothing to thank God for.

Ps 107:21

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

2) Our thanksgiving should always be marked by an offering of thanks

Ps. 107:22-24

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

1 Chr 29:20-22

20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

Eph 5:20

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Col 3:15

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.