

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Walk in Truth 2
Walk Worthy of Your Calling

TEXT: 3 Jn 1:3-4 / Eph 4:1-6

We began talking about the “walk” of the Christian. We saw in Ephesians that we must first be seated before we can walk.

- ❖ Now that you are seated, you can begin the walk for which you were created.
 - Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should **walk in them**.
 - *Poiema* - a *product*, that is, *fabric*. Workmanship
 - Created in Christ, not the natural birth, but the new birth.
 - It prepares us for a course of good works
 - The rest of chapter 2 : we are family and our place as part of His holy habitation, the Church
 - Chapter 3: this mystery – we all blend together for one grand purpose: Eph 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
 - Ends with a prayer that we would each be strengthened by the Spirit, that we would have a revelation of God's love, and that we would be filled with His fullness.
 - The benediction: Eph 3:20-21 ... glory in **the church** by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
- ❖ Chapter 4 begins with a heartfelt plea to walk worthy:
 - Worthy, indicating inherent value, from a word for “to weigh” like a balance. We might say it this way: Let your walk reflect accurately the value of your calling.
 - Maintain a proper attitude toward others in this wonderful group, the church = ekklesia – ek (out) Klesia (called).
 - Calling = *klésis*; to call, invitation to a banquet.. We are called to be part of the called out ones.
 - **How you walk depends on how you value your calling**
- ❖ You are called by God
 - 1Pe 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
 - God called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light!!!!
 - A chosen generation (genes): a common ancestry, this family of kindred spirits.
 - A of priesthood of royalty: a high position with a responsibility in representing men before God.
 - An ethnos whose shared culture comes from a holy God
 - A people bought and set apart
 - He did it for one overarching reason:
 - (AMP) that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him
 - (BBE) so that you may make clear the virtues of him who took you out of the dark into the light of heaven.
 - (CEV)... you must tell all the wonderful things that he has done.
 - (GNB) chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God,
 - (GW) to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
 - (MSG) God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you--
 - (NLT) you can show others the goodness of God,
 - You are on a mission from God right where you are!!!!!! 1Co 7:17, 20 1Co 7:20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.
 - He has called you to peace. Col_3:15
 - You don't have to earn it. 2Tim 1:9
 - Now grab hold and DON'T LET GO! 1Tim 6:12
 - He doesn't change His mind!!! Rom 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Many people mistake our work for our vocation.
Our vocation is the love of Jesus.
Mother Teresa