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“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² **in which you once walked, following the course of this world, ...** ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ **and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ...** ¹⁰ **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”**

Eph. 2:1-2, 4-6, 10 (ESV)

“... we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;”

Col. 1:9-10 (ESV)

What does a walk that is **worthy of the Lord** look like?

“I therefore, ..., 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.”**

Eph. 4:1-3 (ESV)

What does a walk **worthy of your calling** look like?

Your walk is defined by **how you treat others!**

Q: How are you doing at being humble? _____

Q: How are you doing at being gentle? _____

Q: How are you doing at being patient? _____

Q: How are you doing at bearing with others in love? _____

Your brothers and sisters will never be worthy of you walking this way; but Jesus is!

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must **no longer walk as the Gentiles do**, in the futility of their minds... ²⁵ “Therefore, having **put away falsehood**, let each one of you **speak the truth with his neighbor**, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ **Be angry and do not sin**; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ **Let the thief no longer steal**, but rather **let him labor**, doing honest work with his own hands, **so that he may have something to share** with anyone in need. ²⁹ **Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths**, but only **such as is good for building up**, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ **Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.** ³² **Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”**

Eph. 4:17, 25-32 (ESV)

Vs. 25 “Put away falsehood” and “Speak the truth”.

Q: Why do we lie? **We want to control something or someone.**

Q: What does the Lord deserve? **For us to trust Him, and control ourselves.**

Vs. 26 “Be angry and do not sin”.

Q: When does anger become a sin? **When it lacks humility.**

Q: What does the Lord deserve? **For me to focus on what He deserves, instead of what I think I deserve.**

Vs. 28 Don't steal; instead, work and share.

Q: Why do we steal? Why don't we share? **We think providing for ourselves is up to us.**

Q: What does the Lord deserve? **For me to trust Him to take care of me, and for me to be a good steward.**

Vs. 29 Don't say hurtful things; instead, say things that build others up.

Q: Why do we put people down or “in their place”? **To elevate ourselves, or because we think God needs our help taking someone down a notch.**

Q: What does the Lord deserve? **For me to trust Him, humble myself, and consider others as more important than me. (Phil. 2:3)**

Vs. 32 Put away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and slander and replace them with kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness

Q: How can you walk like this?

- **Remember where you sit!**
- **Focus on what God deserves!**