

## To Walk Worthy - Ephesians 4:1-3

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*Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord:* Paul, the apostle, was writing to the church at Ephesus from a Roman prison. *Therefore* looks back at what precedes, what Paul already wrote in this letter. There are many great doctrinal truths concerning what it means to be "IN CHRIST." Ephesians 1:3-8, 2:1-3, 2:4, 2:8-10, 3:21. Chapter 4 begins the ethical or practical application of these great truths. What a WALK IN CHRIST looks like lived out daily in life of a believer.

*Therefore I ... implore you:* I urge you. I exhort you. I plead with you. Romans 12:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 4:1

*walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called:* Based on these great doctrines, Paul emphatically implores these believers to walk, to live, in such a way that brings glory to God. Faith in Christ expresses itself in a habitual lifestyle of daily obedience to God's Word. Galatians 5:22-23

*walk worthy ... with all humility:* Humility is not the putting down or thinking poorly of one's self. A believer is highly valued and loved by God who has graciously and richly blessed the believer. Yet humbleness causes the believer to see others through God's eyes, recognizing that God highly values and cares for them as well. Therefore, the believer willingly and selflessly loves and serves others. JOY in Christ - Jesus first, Others second, You last. Philippians 2:3-4

*walk worthy ... and gentleness:* Gentleness is typified by kindness and softness of spirit as opposed to a rude, harsh, abrasive, and bullying attitude. A gentle person demonstrates a quiet compassion and consideration for others.

*walk worthy ... with patience,* Patience is long-suffering, never giving up.

It is long-tempered, not have a short fuse. Proverbs 14:29, James 1:19b  
Patience is a confident reliance and trust in God.

*walk worthy ... showing tolerance for one another:* Forbearance is being tolerant and understanding of other believers. It is treating them with kindness, sympathy, and grace. Colossians 3:13

*walk worthy ... in love:* Agape love is an unconditional love that expects nothing in return. It is a matter of the will, not emotion or feeling. It seeks to benefit the other person. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 1 John 3:16, 4:11, 4:19, 3:18.

*walk worthy ... being diligent:* Diligence is making every effort, with eagerness and urgency. It is a continual action, constantly and consistently.

*walk worthy ... to preserve:* Perseverance is to keep at it, to maintain, to guard.

*walk worthy ... the unity of the Spirit:* This unity is created by the Holy Spirit. It places all believers into one body in Christ.

*walk worthy ... in the bond of peace:* Peace holds believers together, bonds them to one another as if chained together or glued together. Romans 5:1, Colossians 3:15

A WALK IN CHRIST seeks to maintain the fellowship of the church. A WALK IN CHRIST seeks to develop these character traits into one's habitual lifestyle.

A WALK IN CHRIST begins by placing your faith solely in Christ. Ephesians 2:1, 2:4-6, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8

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