A Walk That Is Worthy

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INTRODUCTION

- I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
- And the remainder of the letter kind of tells us how to do that.
- When you get into chapter 5, Paul is still addressing what it means in essence to walk in a manner worthy of our calling, a walk that is worthy.

1 Walk in Love as Christ Loved Us

Ephesians 5:1–2; John 13:34; Colossians 3:12–13

- That command's taken to an entirely different level when you add to it that we must love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.
- A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you also are to love one another.
- By this we know love that he laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.
- Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.
- Some people would rather lay down their lives for their brothers and sisters in Christ than forgive them.
- As the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. That's the example that's been set for us.

2 Walk as Children of Light

Ephesians 5:3–14; Exodus 20:17

- At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.
- All these things are characteristic of a life lived in darkness. That's the point Paul's making. That our lives are now supposed to be characterized by something different.
- Christianity was never meant to consist merely of setting aside the things that are wrong. As important as that is, we also have to put on the things that are right.
- Light exposes. And that's exactly what Paul said we have to do as well.
- Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
- It is darkness and not light. And when you turn the light on, people will see it for what it is.

3 Walk Not as Unwise but as Wise

Ephesians 5:15–17; James 1:5–8; Proverbs 1:23

- Look carefully then how you walk not as unwise but as wise.

- The most serious problem among God's people, it seems to me, is living a life from day to day without careful consideration for what we're doing.
- We need to do more than look out for things that might do us harm. What Paul says is we need to look for ways to do some good in this world.
- If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
- You get wisdom when you want it enough to search for it.
- That's how you walk in wisdom is you come to understand what God wants from you based upon what he's revealed in his word.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you walking in a manner worthy of the calling to which you've been called?

MY NOTES