

In Christ: "Walking Worthy"
Ephesians 4:1-16

God Always "Calls" a Thing What It Is - Jo 17:17; Ro 3:4; Titus 1:2

- He calls His children... "saints"... "blessed"... "heirs"... "fully forgiven"... "His dwelling place" - Eph 1-3
...The first proper response, "I believe You" - Jo 8:46; 11:40
- The next proper response, "To walk worthy" of God's calling - Eph 4:1; Col 1:10
...Aligning our faithful responsivity with His gracious activity - Col 2:6

We Walk Worthy When We Walk in Unity, in Peace with One Another - Eph 4:1-6

- Diligence is required to cultivate and preserve unity and peace - Eph 4:3
...mindfully celebrating our oneness in Christ - Eph 4:4-6
...intentionally contributing to an atmosphere of loving acceptance - Ro 15:7; I Jo 4:18
("humility" - going low; "gentleness" - meekness/moderation; "patience" - long suffering - Eph 4:2)

We Walk Worthy When We Employ Our Gifts for the Common Good - Eph 4:7-12; I Cor 12:7

- Each and every Christian is "charismatic" = "gifted" - Eph 4:7; I Cor 12:8-10, 28-30; Ro 12:6-8; I Pet 4:10-11
...to manifest (together) the Spirit of Christ - I Cor 12:7
...freely contributing our gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ - Eph 4:12
- Question: "What do I love to do for the glory of God and the good of others?" - Eph 1:6,12,14
... _____ - Eph 2:10

We Walk Worthy When We Are Growing Up into the Fullness of Christ - Eph 4:13-16

- The measure of our maturity is the fullness of Christ - Eph 4:13
...He is our focus, our objective, our goal - I Jo 3:3; Eph 4:20; Jo 7:38
- We speak the Truth (of Him) to one another in love - Eph 4:15
...Who He is... where He is... the difference He makes - Jo 14:6
- We become contributors (not just consumers) - Acts 20:35
...being to one another what Christ is to us - Matt 10:8