

June 2014 Theme: Walk in Him

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:12

WALK WORTHY OF GOD WHO CALLS YOU INTO HIS OWN KINGDOM AND GLORY

(I) THE DEFINITION OF WALKING WORTHY OF GOD

"That you would walk worthy of God..." 1 Thessalonians 2:12

1. God sets a standard for all to meet

- a) To love Christ more than family (**Matthew 10:37**)
- b) To take up His cross and follow after Him (**Matthew 10:38 cf. Mark 8**)
- c) To suffer for Him that we may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God (**2 Thessalonians 1:5**)

2. God evaluates whether a person meets that standard

(II) THE REASONS FOR WALKING WORTHY OF GOD

1. Great sense of calling from God

- a) Calls us to salvation
 - i) Entrance into His own kingdom (**1 Thessalonians 2:12**)
 - ii) Election (**1 Thessalonians 1:4**)
- b) Calls us to glory (**1 Corinthians 2:12**)
 - i) Call to holiness (**1 Thessalonians 4:7**)
 - ii) Call to be like Christ (**Romans 8:29**)
 - iii) Call for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ – Christ's second coming (**2 Thessalonians 2:14**)

2. Great accountability to God

- a) God's approval (**1 Thessalonians 2:4**)
- b) God testing the heart (**1 Thessalonians 2:4**)

- c) God as witness (**1 Thessalonians 2:10**)

(III) COMPARISON AND CONTRAST OF WALKING WORTHY OF GOD

1. As a Contrast – Those not walking worthy of God

- a) In deceit (**1 Thessalonians 2:3**)
- b) In a cloak of covetousness (**1 Thessalonians 2:5**)
- c) In pleasing men and seeking glory from them (**1 Thessalonians 2:4, 6**)
- d) In making demands (**1 Thessalonians 2:6**)

2. As a Comparison – Those walking worthy of God

- a) In boldness sharing the gospel despite suffering (**1 Thessalonians 2:2**)
- b) In gentleness as a nursing mother (**1 Thessalonians 2:7**)
- c) In affectionately longing for each other (**1 Thessalonians 2:8**)
- d) In labouring night and day (**1 Thessalonians 2:9**)
- e) In behaving devoutly, justly and blamelessly (**1 Thessalonians 2:10**)

(IV) EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO WALK WORTHY OF GOD

1. Encouragement from a spiritual father

- a) Exhorted (**1 Thessalonians 2:11**)
- b) Comforted (**1 Thessalonians 2:11**)
- c) Charged (**1 Thessalonians 2:11**)

2. Encouragement from the Example of the Thessalonians in walking worthy of God

- a) Receiving the word (**1 Thessalonians 2:13**)
- b) Seeing and Knowing how others walk (**1 Thessalonians 2:1, 2, 11**)
- c) Remembering (**1 Thessalonians 2:9**)
- d) Imitating (**1 Thessalonians 1:6**)

3. Encouragement from prayer (2 Thessalonians 1:11**)**