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THE WORTHY WALK, PART 1 (Ephesians 4:1)

- I. The CONTEXT of the Worthy Walk
 - A. Chapters 1 3 provide DOCTRINAL instruction
 - 1. The BLESSINGS, HONORS, and PRIVILEGES God has granted to those whom He has CHOSEN
 - 2. Our status in CHRIST having been made CITIZENS of His KINGDOM and MEMBERS of His FAMILY
 - 3. The UNION of all believers into one "NEW MAN", which is Christ's BODY, the CHURCH
 - 4. The ETERNAL GLORY of God "in the CHURCH and in CHIRST JESUS"
 - B. Chapters 4 6 provide PRACTICAL application
 - 1. Not a FORCED conformity to EXTERNAL rules and regulations
 - 2. A VOLUNTARY conformity to the HOLINESS, LOVE, and WILL of our heavenly Father
 - C. Right PRACTICE must be based on right PRINCIPLE

- II. The CALL to the Worthy Walk (Eph. 4:1)
 - A. Comes from Paul, "the PRISONER of the LORD" (cf. 3:1)
 - 1. He is BOUND to serve CHRIST
 - 2. He speaks with the AUTHORITY of the LORD
 - B. Comes as an EXHORTATION
 - C. Comes as instruction that we "WALK" in a manner "WORTHY" of our "CALLING"
 - 1. It is to characterize our DAILY CONDUCT
 - 2. It is to reflect our status as those God has CHOSEN to REDEEM by His GRACE
 - D. Comes with the intention that we make our transformation VISIBLE
 - 1. It is to display EXTERNALLY what God has made us INTERNALLY
 - 2. It is to display in TIME what God has made us for ETERNITY