

*Scripture reading: Ephesians 3:20-4:3*

## **Walk Worthy of the Calling**

We like stories of honor and courage. We enjoy hearing about men and women who stand for something and refuse to give in. In Ephesians 4:1, Paul teaches Christians to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling.” Do we carry these same values and ideals in our Christian life?

### **I. What is “the calling”?**

- A. It is God’s call to salvation - **Ephesians 1:3-8; 18-19**
- B. It is a promise and reward - **Romans 8:28-30**
- C. It is a gift from God’s love, mercy, and grace - **2 Timothy 1:8-11**
- D. It is a job or service
  - 1. KJV says “vocation”; it is our work in life
  - 2. Our calling is higher and more noble than the vocations of this world
  - 3. Great blessings of salvation bring obligations of service.
  - 4. We have a goal to achieve - **Philippians 3:14**

### **II. How do we “walk worthy” of the calling?**

- A. Worthy = “of equal value to the claim”; appropriately; doesn’t mean “deserving”
- B. Attributes of one who walks worthy - **Ephesians 4:2-3**
  - humility; gentleness; patience; tolerance w/love; preserve unity w/ peace
- C. Mimic godliness - **Ephesians 5:1-5**
  - 1. Appreciate our high calling
  - 2. Stop behaviors that don’t imitate God
- D. Take it seriously - **Ephesians 5:15-17**
  - 1. Pay attention to what we are doing
  - 2. Make it a priority - **2 Peter 1:10**
  - 3. Realize we are obligated to become what we believe.

Are you walking in a worthy manner? We need to realize who we are, and conduct ourselves in a way that is worthy of the great calling God has for us.