

WALK WORTHY OF YOUR CALLING

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-18

Introduction:

1. The most important goal to have in life is to please God –Ec 12:13
2. Paul urged Christians to “Walk worthy of their calling”.

Proposition: We must walk worthy of our calling to please the Lord.

Interrogative: What does Paul say about the walking in a worthy manner?

Transition: To walk in a worthy manner we must...

I. GROW IN KNOWLEDGE -1:9-11

A. WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE

1. People are destroyed –Hosea 4:6.
2. Example: Uzza -1Ch 13.

B. CONTINUE TO GROW IN KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM

1. The difference –Example of learning to drive.
2. The application – Jesus dealt wisely with the Scriptures –Mt 4:1-11.

II. REMEMBER WHAT OUR LORD HAS DONE - 1:12-14

A. WE MUST REMEMBER

1. Jesus set us free from sin –vs. 14.
2. Example: Israel was to remember freedom from Egypt –De 8:11-20.

B. WHY WE REMEMBER

1. The memory helps us resist temptation –Ro 6:20-23.
2. We think back and have no desire to return to sin.
“Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.” -Unknown

III. RECOGNIZE THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST – 1:15-18

A. OVER NATURE

1. Power to calm the storm at sea –Mt 8:23-27
2. Power of voice belongs to Deity only.
 - a. Jesus raised the dead by calling to them –Lu 7:14, Jn 11:43
 - b. His followers were hands on:
 - 1) Paul – (fell on him and embraced him) –Ac 20:10
 - 2) Elijah – (stretched over him 3x’s) -1Ki 17:21
 - 3) Elisha – (stretched over him) -2Ki 4:34-35

B. OVER HIS CHURCH

1. All authority comes from Jesus –Mt 28:18.
2. He is firstborn from the dead.
 - a. Others have died and came back to life as seen above.
 - b. Jesus is the first to die and be raised never again to die –He 7:23-25.

Conclusion:

1. Because of Christ, we have freedom from sin and the fear of death.
2. Our desire should always be to walk worthy of our calling that we may please our Lord.