

INTRODUCTION

- * Paul shared with the Ephesian believers the greatness of their calling and then challenged them to "Walk worthy of the calling with which [they] were called."
- * We have seen Paul's challenge for them to "Walk worthy" in the body of Christ - seeking unity and synergy in the body of Christ. We are united having one hope which is founded in us having one Lord, one faith, one baptism ... knowing there is only one God!
- * Over the past two weeks, we have considered how we are to "Walk Worthy" in the world. We are to live transformed and sanctified lives. We are no longer to think like the Gentiles think; we are no longer to act like the Gentiles act. Rather, we are to have the mind of Christ and put on the new man which is created by God in true righteousness and holiness. We are, as children of God, to walk in love, light, and wisdom. We are to redeem the time, understand the will of God, and submit to one another in the fear of God.
- * Today, we begin to consider how we are to "Walk Worthy" within three specific relationships that we have in this world: marital, parental, and occupational relationships.
- * Today, we will consider how can "Walk Worthy" in our marriage relationships.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE I _____ I _____ OF OUR MARITAL RELATIONSHIP

A. The A _____ (v. 22-30)

B. The I _____ (v. 31-32; Genesis 2:21-25)

II. THE I _____ I _____ FOR OUR MARITAL RELATIONSHIP

A. To The Wife (v. 22-24, 33b)

1. SUBMIT (v. 22-24)

- a. The S _____ (cf. Col 3:18)
- b. The R _____ (cf. 1 Cor 11:3,10; Genesis 3:16; 4:7)
- c. The Q _____ (cf. 1 Peter 3:1-6; 1 Corinthians 7:12-16)

2. RESPECT (v. 33; cf. Romans 11:20; 13:3-4; 2 Cor 11:3; 12:20; Gal 2:12; 4:11; Col 3:22; 1 John 4:17-20)

B. To The Husband (v. 25-29, 33a) ... Love

1. THE S _____ IS CHRIST-LIKE LOVE (v. 25 2x, 28, 33; ... 1 John 4:17-20)
2. THE D _____ OF CHRIST-LIKE LOVE (v. 25, 28-29; cf. Matthew 20:25-28)
3. THE G _____ OF CHRIST-LIKE LOVE (v. 26-27)

INTROSPECTION

- * ARE YOU WALKING WORTHY OF THE CALLING WITH WHICH YOU WERE CALLED?
- * DOES YOUR MARRIAGE REFLECT CHRIST AND THE CHURCH ... OR THOSE IN THE WORLD?
- * WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO BETTER REFLECT CHRIST OR THE CHURCH IN YOUR MARRIAGE?
- * IF YOU ARE SINGLE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR YOUR ROLE WITHIN MARRIAGE?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we as Christian men, or Christian women, help one another to become more Biblical in our marriages?
- * How does "Walking Worthy" affect our evangelistic efforts?