

Walk Worthy of God

1 Thessalonians 2:9-16

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BIG IDEA: God abundantly provides for His disciples to walk worthy of Him.

Six provisions to walk worthy of God:

I. A Burden-Lifting Gospel (v. 9)

II. Fathers in the Faith (vv. 10-12a)

III. Belonging in God's Kingdom and Glory (vv. 12b)

God's Kingdom: The King's power over the King's people in the king's place. - Patrick Schreiner

The Kingdom is already-not yet.

"Our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you." – St. Augustine, Confessions

"Dwell much upon your spiritual and eternal privileges.... This you shall find by experience will mightily tend to [your] strengthening... He that neglects this rule will quickly find his sun to set in a cloud, his harp to be turned into mourning, and his organ into the voice of them that weep." – Thomas Brooks, Heaven on Earth, p. 350

IV. God's Living Word (v. 13)

1 Corinthians 2:14 | The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 | 22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

John 17:17 | Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

V. A Heritage to Imitate (v. 14)

1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 | 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit

VI. Final Vindication (vv. 15-16)

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (adaption) | May God make you worthy of his calling and fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.