

Walking Worthy in an Unworthy World

God is in the business of calling unworthy people into His family. He takes the broken, the flawed, and the sinful and says, “You’re Mine.” That’s grace — getting what we don’t deserve. And mercy — not getting what we do deserve.

Ephesians tells this story step by step. **Chapter 1** — God blesses believers with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **Chapter 2** — When we were dead in sin, God made us alive and seated us with Christ. **Chapter 3** — God reveals His plan to unite all believers as one family in Christ.

If you’ve believed in Jesus, you’ve been called into something extraordinary. The King of Heaven has called you into His royal family. And the best part? You didn’t earn it. It was all a gift — grace received through faith in Jesus.

But here’s where the world gets confused. They hear about the free gift of grace and think, “*Wait a minute — if salvation is free, if it’s all grace and not works, won’t that make people selfish and sinful?*” But that’s not how grace works. Grace doesn’t push people toward sin — it pulls them out of it. Grace transforms

hearts. Grace renews minds. Grace changes the way we live.

And that's what **Chapter 4** is all about. It's about ordinary people — people who don't deserve it — being called by God into His salvation and then living in a way that shows what He's done. And when that happens, the world looks at that and can't quite figure it out: people who aren't trying to earn heaven, yet live like they belong there. That baffles the world.

GOD CALLS CHRISTIANS TO WALK WORTHY IN AN UNWORTHY WORLD.

“I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.”

(*Ephesians 4:1*). Paul isn't saying, “Earn your salvation.” He's saying, “Live in a way that reflects what God has already done in you.”

So the question is: **How can we walk worthy in an unworthy world?** Paul gives three ways.

Way #1 - Stick Together in a Divided World (Ephesians 4:2–6)

Our world is full of division. People criticize, compare, and cut off. But believers are called to something

different — to stick together in humility, gentleness, patience, and love.

“Be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Unity doesn't happen automatically; it takes effort and grace. We bear with each other because we're family. We overlook faults because Christ has forgiven ours.

Paul reminds us what unites us:

One body. One Spirit. One hope. One Lord. One faith. One baptism. One God and Father of all.

These seven “ones” form the foundation of our unity. We may differ on preferences, but we stand together on the essentials.

So ask: *Am I easy to get along with? Am I known for peace or tension?*

In a divided world, believers walk worthy by choosing humility, gentleness, patience, and love — because what unites us is far greater than what divides us.

**Way #2 - Learn Truth in an Unstable World
(Ephesians 4:7–16)**

The world is unstable and confused about truth. But Jesus designed His church to be strong, stable, and grounded in His Word.

“Grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”

Every believer is gifted by Christ to strengthen the church. Jesus also gives leaders — evangelists and pastor-teachers — to equip believers for ministry. Their job isn’t to do all the work but to train God’s people to do it. When the church is grounded in the Word, it grows up to maturity:

“So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine.”

Mature believers aren’t easily deceived. They know what they believe and why. They speak the truth in love and build one another up. That’s how the church becomes strong and stable — every part doing its work, anchored in truth, growing in love. In a world of confusion, we walk worthy by learning and living the truth of God’s Word.

**Way #3 - Live Different in a Corrupt World
(Ephesians 4:17–32)**

Our world is corrupt — darkened in understanding and hardened in heart. But believers have been made new in Christ. “You must no longer walk as the Gentiles do... but be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” God calls His people to live differently — to put off the old and put on the new. Paul gives examples of what that looks like:

- **Speak truthfully** — because lies destroy trust.
- **Deal with anger quickly** — don’t give the devil a foothold.
- **Work honestly** — so you can share with others.
- **Use words that build up** — not tear down.
- **Be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving** — just as God in Christ forgave you.

We are never more like God than when we forgive. We are never more like Him than when we show kindness and grace to those who fail.

