

*“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority*  
**“Therefore, Resolve To Walk In A Worthy Manner”**

Ephesians 4:1  
 The Lord’s Day Morning  
 New Year’s Day  
 January 1, 2017

When we began our study of Ephesians on July 31, 2016, we recognized that God has called us to live counter-culturally in a morally confused world, but in a way that loves and serves the world. We need Ephesians now because it clarifies the logical and coherent basis for that counter-cultural lifestyle. In today’s verse (4:1) we come to the hinge of the book that separates the doctrinal section (our belief) from the ethical section (our behavior).

Ephesians 1–3: Doctrine	Ephesians 4–6: Ethics
<b>We Believe In:</b>	<b>Therefore, we will live like this:</b>
The Father’s Election                    1:1–6 The Son’s Redemption                    1:7–10 The Spirit’s Guarantee                    1:11–14 The Holy Christian Church                1:15–23 Our Inability                                2:1–3 Regeneration                                2:4–7 Grace Alone                                 2:8–10 Faith Alone                                 2:8–10 Christ Alone                                2:8–10 The Glory of God Alone                2:8–10 Racial Reconciliation                    2:11–18 Church Membership                        2:19–22 The Gospel                                  3:1–6 Missions                                      3:7–10 Purposeful Suffering                    3:11–13 Prayer                                         3:14–19 The Doxology                               3:20–21 The Incarnation                            1:1–3:21	<i>Personal ministry:</i> Personally engaging in making disciples.  <i>Doctrinal integrity:</i> Articulating and defending the faith.  <i>Sexual purity:</i> Drawing bright lines between right and wrong.  <i>Marital fidelity:</i> Defining, defending, and honoring marriage.  <i>Financial accountability:</i> Managing money for God’s glory.  <i>Emotional stability:</i> Controlling anger to advance the gospel.  <i>Verbal integrity:</i> Establishing a trustworthy reputation.

How can we walk in a manner worthy of our calling in 2017?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ diligently to master sound \_\_\_\_\_ (4:14).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ critically to make God-pleasing \_\_\_\_\_ decisions (5:10).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ passionately to apply \_\_\_\_\_ to every area of your life (6:24).