

|Mission Harvest Baptist Church

Preparing with God: "Glory in the Church" Pt. 4 – Walking Worthy 102

Intro: We are coming to a place in Paul's letter to the Ephesians that is getting both practical and personal. Frankly, his tone in Chapters 4 and 5 is getting quite direct. He tells the Ephesians, "Hey, it's time to grow up and it's time to wake up. You're job is to walk worthy of the price Christ paid to redeem you – and of the vocation to which you were called." We need reminded of the same thing in 2026. Like the Ephesians, we've been *fully purposed to walk worthy*.

1. Walk worthy by walking circumspectly, _____ the will of the Lord. (Eph. 5:15-17)

- *Circumspectly* –
- "but as wise" (Job 28:28; Prov. 9:10)
- "redeeming the time"
 - You only have so much time (Ps. 90:9b-12; Ps. 31:14-15a)
 - God only gives so much time (Zech. 14:1-3; Rev. 19:11-16)
 - "Knowing the time" (Rom. 13:11-14)
- "the will of the Lord"
 - *Seek & Save that which is Lost* (John 6:38-40; Lu. 19:10)
 - *Make disciples* (John 17:18)
 - *Present your body a living sacrifice* (Rom. 12:1-2)
 - *Give deeply unto the Lord* (2 Cor. 8:5)
 - *Stand perfect and complete before God* (Col. 4:12)
 - *Be sanctified* (1 Thess. 4:3)
 - *Give thanks in every thing* (1 Thess. 5:18)
 - *Submit to the earthly authority in your life* (1 Pet. 2:13-15)

2. Walking circumspectly in the _____ (Eph. 5:18-20)

- "be not drunk with wine...but be filled with the Spirit"
- A contrast in COPING (Prov. 31:6-7)
- A COMPARISON of _____
 - Biblical examples: Hannah; the Apostles
 - *PRAY, READ, PRAY*

3. Walking circumspectly, _____ to one another in the fear of God (Eph. 5:21)

Rom. 14:3b-4, 8 –

4. Walking circumspectly in _____ (Eph. 5:22-33)

- This is one of the first physical pictures of a spiritual truth God created. And it is one of the first things Satan attacked. We can NEVER lose sight of the importance of our marriage and all that it pictures (preaches).
- Wives, you are to walk worthy by submitting yourselves "unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

Submit –

God gave the _____ man a mission (Gen. 2:15)

God gave _____ man a mission (1 Cor. 11:3)

- Husbands, you are to walk worthy by loving your wives as Christ loved the church, and as you love yourselves.

Rom. 5:8 –

This is a love that is UNCONDITIONAL and SACRIFICIAL in nature.

This is a love that COMPENSATES for the past and CONCENTRATES on the future.

This is a love that takes INITIATIVE, even when others are undeserving.

This is a love that takes headship in ASSESSING and MEETING needs.

Phil. 2:5-8 –