**Walking Worthy**

Lesson 5 – 1 Thessalonians 2:9-16

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*You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly**and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward youbelievers; just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, so that you would****walk in a manner worthy******of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory*** *(*1 Thess. 2:10-12).

I. A Blueprint for the Great Commission/Making Disciples:

 A. Paul’s **Method** (1 Thess. 2:9-12) Integrity

 B. Paul’s **Message** (1 Thess. 2:9) “The gospel of God” (vv. 2,4,8)

 What is the gospel? Key word: K\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 A mystery… “*Christ in you, the hope of glory”* (Col. 1:27)



C. Paul’s **Motive** (1 Thess. 2:12) “…so that you would **walk in a manner worthy** of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.” (Eph. 4:1-3, Eph. 5:1-2; Col. 1:9-12)

1) God’s call: “Be holy”: 1 Peter 2:9; Cor. 4:6

2) God’s worthiness: Rev. 4:9; 5:11

🎶 Song: *Is He Worthy?* Chris Tomlin <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkRiYsTN7KY>

II. The Believer’s Challenge

 You shall be H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for I am H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 1:16).

 A. The Believer’s Conflict (Romans 7:14-24)

 B. The Believer’s Victory – Emancipation Proclamation Over Sin’s Slavery (Rom. 7:25-8:2; 6:1-6).

III. The Power of the **Word of God –** The WHOLE Gospel (1 Thess. 2:13)

 A. **Imputed** holiness/righteousness –

*God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become**the* ***R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Him***(2 Cor. 5:21).

 B. **Transformational** holiness – Becoming more Christlike (Rom. 8:28-30)

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| ***Rom. 8:28****And we know that [*[*k*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-28145k)*]God causes all things to work together for* ***good*** *to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.****29****For those whom He foreknew, He also****predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son****, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;****30****and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.* |

 How does this happen? The transformation secret is in our memory verse! (1 Thess. 2:13):

*“For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received* ***the word of God*** *which you heard from us,* ***you accepted it for what it really is, THE WORD OF GOD,*** *which also* ***performs its work*** *in you who believe.”*

**“Accepted it for what it really is.”** All Scripture is God-breathed and powerful: 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 4:12. Do we tremble at His Word? (Isa. 66:2).

What “work” does God’s Word perform in we who believe?

 C.Three Stages/Tenses of Salvation in Scripture =THE WHOLE GOSPEL

 MRM Cross: “Jesus Saves” – It’s ALL **by grace through faith in Him; it is the gift of God** (Eph. 2:8).

 New Covenant - Ezek 11:19, 36:25, Jer. 31:31 “write my law on their hearts”

*For we are His workmanship [Grk: poiema], created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them –* Eph. 2:10.

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| **Past**  | **Present** | **Future** |
| Regeneration/Justification (birth)  | (Progressive) Sanctification (growth) | Glorification (consummation) |
| Were saved from PENALTY of sin | Being saved from POWER of sin | Will be saved from PRESENCE of sin |
| Titus 3:5; Acts 16:31 | 1 Cor. 1:18; James 2:21; Phil. 2:13-13 | Heb. 9:28; Phil. 3:20-21 |

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#  BELIEVER IN TIME 🡺 “Like a yo-yo in the hands of a Man walking up the stairs”

*“This is the will of God, your sanctification”* (1 Thess. 4:3)

*“Sanctify them in the truth; your Word is truth”* (John 17:17)

 =>**The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to make us more like the Son of God** (John 17:17)

 D. Biblical Pr\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Walking Worthy: 2 Peter 1: 3-10

* Necessity of T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
* Necessity of S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 4:1-6; 6:3-5; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; Titus 1:9; 2:1: 2 Cor. 11:3-4, Gal. 1:6-9)
* Necessity to be a B\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 17:11)
* Necessity to S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (No Whiffle Dust!)
* Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness (1 Tim. 4:7).
* Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth** (2 Tim. 2:15).
* Pursue peace with all men, and the **sanctification** without which no one will see the Lord (Heb. 12:14).
* **Work out your salvation** with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13).

It just keeps getting BETTER - from ***glory to glory*** (2 Cor. 3:18).

 E. REALITY CHECK: There will be Opposition – (1 Thess. 2:14, 15, 18) – next lesson.

 Response to pressures: Phil. 1:21-30

POA: Preaching the W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Ourselves 🡺 “Everything we need for life and godliness!”

Handouts:

* Sanctification Process/Steps - 2 Peter 1:3-10 ([www.BiblicalCounselingCenter.org](http://www.BiblicalCounselingCenter.org)) – Ron & Sherry Allchin
* Adding to Your Faith – “Making It Personal” (Revive Our Hearts)
* Progressive Sanctification schematic (Faith Biblical Counseling Training, Lafayette, IN)

*“Now may the God of peace Himself* ***sanctify you entirely****; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and* ***He also will bring it to pass”*** (1 Thess. 5:23-24).