

EPHESIANS CHAPTER FOUR

THE WORTHY WALK

- Verse 1 The subject, the **worthy walk**. "Walk worthy of your vocation."
- Verse 2 The first characteristic of the **worthy walk**. Lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. **The worthy walk starts on the inside.**
- Verses 3-6 The second characteristic of the **worthy walk**. The **worthy walk** recognizes the true basis of unity among believers. The true basis of unity among believers being the Word of God. There are seven Doctrines stated (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father).
- Verses 7-8 The third characteristic of the **worthy walk**. The **worthy walk** is based upon the function and concept of Grace.
- Verses 9-10 The fourth characteristic of the **worthy walk**. The **worthy walk** is based upon the ascension of Christ.
- Verse 11 The fifth characteristic of the **worthy walk**. The **worthy walk** involves utilization of spiritual gifts. The **worthy walk** involves using your spiritual gift.
- Verse 12 Three purpose clauses. 1. **For perfecting the saints** (literally, for **equipping** the saints). 2. **For the work of the ministry** (Every believer is a minister, for the producing of the ministry. 3. **For the edifying of the body of Christ** ("Edifying" literally means the building up of the body of Christ. Body of Christ is a reference to the Church.) These are three purposes of the leadership gifts. Saints, ministers, and body are all references to believers in the Church Age.
- Verses 13-16 The progression of the **worthy walk**. The **worthy walk** should be a progression. You should improve, grow, mature.
- Verse 13 The mature believer (means to score a touchdown.) There are four things that show you how to score a touchdown.
1. **The unity of faith.**
 2. **The knowledge of the Son of God.**
 3. **"A perfect man."**
 4. **Measure, stature of the fullness of Christ.** The fullness of Christ is declared in Ephesians Chapter 5 and Chapter 6.
- Verse 14 The childish believer. Characterized by being ignorant of the Word and unstable. At the moment of salvation, as babies in Christ.
- Verse 15 The growing believer. Truth (the Word of God) and love (the filling of the Holy Spirit) are present in the growing believer's life. May grow up unto Him in all things.
- Verse 16 The concept of teamwork in Christianity. The whole body fitly joined together. Every joint supplieth. Every part, making increase of the body, edifying of itself in love.

Verse 13, The mature believer. Verse 14, The baby believer. Verse 15, The growing believer. Verse 16, The whole body of Christ.