

WALK WORTHY

I'd like to share a few thoughts and some scriptures with you.

People who know me, have been around me, or have listened to any of the videos on this website, probably can't count the number of times that I've said that the gospel is supernatural. That God is the only one who can do it, which makes it different from any and every religion on the planet.

Religion is done by men and for men. The gospel is done by God and for God.

People can be taught forms of religion, various doctrines, religious rituals, forms of behavior, and adopt various worldviews. But God is the only one who can overrule our spiritually dead nature and recreate us into the image of Christ.

I'd like to take a few minutes and share just how supernatural the gospel really is, before I share what I believe God is saying to us.

In John 1:12 it states that whoever receives Him, Christ, God has given the right to become children of God. To those who are not born of a natural father but they are born of God.

When we became Christians, we didn't pray a prayer, join an organization, or adopt a new religion. We actually received Christ's life and became members of God's family. The very thing that makes God, God, His supernatural life, is the very thing that made us His children.

1 John 5:11 declares God's testimony about us. It says that He has given us His eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life.

Romans 8:16 says that the Holy Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Children of God, sons of God, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ. Who became the heir of all things according to Hebrews 1:2.

1 Corinthians 1:30 states that God put us in Christ by His own doing so that Christ could become our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, and our redemption.

Colossians 3:3 declares that because of our death and resurrection with Christ we have died and that Christ has become our new life.

Ephesians 2 states that we have been raised up with Christ and seated with Him at the right hand of the Father. And we've been recreated in Christ to walk in things that He's prepared for us before the foundation of the Earth.

Ephesians 1:3 declares that we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places in Christ.

And if that wasn't enough, 1st Corinthians 2:9 says, the things which eyes have never seen, nor ears have ever heard, nor have ever entered into the heart of man, those things with God has prepared for those who love Him.

These amazing works of God are hard to comprehend with our natural minds because they are like God, supernatural, spiritual and eternal.

As Colossians 1:12 says, we've been qualified to share in this inheritance. Because God supernaturally put us in His family, it qualifies us to share in the inheritance of His children. Our inheritance is the life of God our Father.

Verse 21 goes on to say, that although we were estranged from God, alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, God has now reconciled us to Himself and made us holy and blameless in His sight.

This is our reality, because of God's incredible love for us.

In the Apostle Paul's letters to the Colossian and Ephesian believers he exhorted them to put off their old dead nature and put on the new nature which was created in righteousness and holiness like Christ. Colossians 3.9 and Ephesians 4.24.

It's hard to comprehend why we or anyone else would want to hang on to our spiritually dead, useless way of life, inherited from Adam and Eve and not accept the eternal life of God that His incomparable love has made available to us as His children.

Look at Romans 8.29 amp

For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.

And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].

Here is what I believe God is saying to us today.

There are about three or four places in the New Testament that Paul exhorts believers to, "walk worthy of the calling" to which we were called. 1 Corinthians 1.10 also gives us a sketch of what walking worthy looks like.

It reads,

...that you walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,

1. to please *Him* in all respects,
2. bearing fruit in every good work,
3. and increasing in the knowledge of God;
4. strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might,
5. for the attaining of all perseverance and patience;
6. joyously giving thanks to the Father,
7. who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

These seven aspects of walking worthy of the calling are the result of the presence of God in our lives.

These are the product of us putting off our old dead life and allowing the Holy Spirit to manifest the Life of Christ in us and through us.

The Apostle John says it another way in chapter 2 of his first letter.

By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says that he remains in Him ought, himself also, to walk just as He walked.

God's intention from the beginning was to recreate the Life of Christ in us so that we can be His supreme creation to manifest His life to the rest of the world.

I believe what God is saying, is that to walk worthy of our calling, is to think like He thinks, speak like He speaks, give like He gives, and love like He loves.

Today's religion encourages people to study the Bible in order to change. If studying the Bible would have transformed our fallen nature, manifested the life of the Father, and established His kingdom in the Earth, the Pharisees would have done it a long time ago.

They had to memorize the entire Bible just to become a Pharisee. But as Jesus said, the letter kills but it's the Spirit Who gives life.

Jesus also didn't tell Nicodemus in John chapter 3, brother, you need to really study your Bible more.

He told him, you must be born again or you cannot see the kingdom and you must be born of the Spirit or you cannot enter it.

God's not looking for Bible scholars. He's looking for sons who think His thoughts with Him, and speak His words empowered by His Holy Spirit, and manifest His life to every country and people group on this planet.

Let me close with one last scripture. It's Ephesians 3.16 amp

The Apostle Paul's prayer gives a beautiful description of what I believe "walking worthy of the calling" means. He prayed,

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and* reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love *and* founded securely on love,

That you may have the power *and* be strong to apprehend *and* grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];

[That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

A revelation of God's incomparable love for us and the experience of His love is what makes this our reality.

God bless you.

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