



Walk Worthy of Grace

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INTRODUCTION

- The first three chapters of the book of Ephesians is all about God's grace and what he has done.
- Here's all the things that God has done, and now here's how you respond to that.

1 Grace and Works Are Tied Together

- Grace and works are inevitably tied together. You cannot separate them.
- When you have grace, it gives birth to grace. There is a reciprocal relationship.
- Your parents don't love you because you're so good. They love you because you are their child.
- Because of their love for you, you should return that in honor.

2 God Has Poured Out His Grace upon Us

Ephesians 1:3–14

- Paul begins Ephesians with this reality that God has poured out his grace upon us. He has blessed us in more ways than we can possibly imagine.
- He chose us, he adopted us, he redeemed us through Jesus' blood. He forgave our trespasses.
- It's really not so much about us. It's really about him.
- The language of Scripture is actually countering that subtly and saying, no, this should be done to Jesus Christ and to God the Father.

3 By His Grace, We Have Identity

Ephesians 2:7; Ephesians 2:14–15; Ephesians 3:6–7

- By his grace, we have identity.
- Grace does not leave us as an isolated, forgiven individual.
- He took two completely different groups of people. The Jews who followed the law of Moses and the Gentiles who certainly did not. And by his grace, he made peace.
- When God blesses me, I then should take that blessing and bless others.

4 Grace Is Not a Loan We Repay

- Grace is not a loan we repay, it's a relationship that continues.
- Even after I've paid my debt of gratitude, the bond between us still holds. For just when I have finished paying it, I am obliged to begin again.
- You will never earn grace. It will never happen. But you can honor the giver.
- He wants not someone who's paying back a loan. He wants our heart.

5 Walk in a Manner Worthy of the Calling

Ephesians 4:1–3; Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:12

- I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.
- Don't dishonor his gift. Don't take advantage of his kindness.
- With humility and gentleness and patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace.
- But God does have expectations. Any benefactor does.

6 Walking Worthy Is Returning Grace

Romans 15:26–27; 2 Corinthians 8:1–19; 2 Corinthians 9:12–15

- For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
- When we have been blessed in this way by God, we should want to turn around and bless others in our life.
- Walking worthy is a returning of the grace that's been given to us. It's honoring the giver, it's honoring God with our lives.
- When we forgive as we have been forgiven, we are returning grace.

THE CHALLENGE

Am I willing to walk worthy of the calling I have received? Not to pay God back, but to bring God praise.

MY NOTES
