

## Sermon Notes from Pastor Cornelius Schelling 8-23-09 Walk Worthy in the Lord

Review Colossians 1:1-6 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, (2) To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (3) We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, (4) since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; (5) because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, (6) which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

This morning we are going to talk about walking worthy in the Lord unto all pleasing so that we can be fruitful in every good work.

Let look at Colossians 1:9-12 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **(10) that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him**, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; (11) strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; (12) giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

I want us to notice the phrase in verse ten that you may walk worthy of the Lord fully pleasing him.

Verse 10 is telling us there is a walk that is worthy of the Lord that is fully pleasing. That also means that there is a walk that is not pleasing to Him. This walk that is worthy of the Lord, is fully pleasing to him, it will be fruitful in every good work - and increasing in the knowledge of Him.

This also tells us that there is a walk that is not pleasing to the Lord and a fruit that is not pleasing to the Lord.

Col. 1:23 says "if you continue in the faith".

Remember, Jesus said in John 8:31 "If you continue in My word, you are My disciples indeed".

Jesus said this again in John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you."

"By this My Father is glorified" - that means He was pleased with their walk.

Colossians 1:9 When we are filled with the knowledge of His will (not ours) in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that wisdom and spiritual understanding is given to us so that we may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him (the choice is yours!)

Colossians 2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

Colossians 2 Vs. 7 We are to abound in what we have received from Jesus Christ with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:20-22 Those things in the world perish with the using - according to the commandments and doctrines of men.

Vs. 23 They only have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body. These are of no value against the flesh or the devil.

Just as the new birth is up to you, so is your spiritual growth.

The only way salvation can come to anyone is through the knowledge of God.

The only way anyone can grow and walk worthy of the Lord is through the knowledge of God.

Remember that Colossians chapter 1 and 2 it talks about positional truth being applied to temporal truth in other words what is on the inside needs to manifest on the outside and you are the only that can let that happen.

We need to understand that walking means getting from one place to another and that means one step at a time. It is the same way with our spiritual growth it is one step at a time.

Notice in verse nine and ten in the KJV it says That you might be filled and in verse 10 That you might walk worthy.

Walking is dependent on the knowledge of Gods word. Its all up to you, just like receiving Christ, it was up to you. Its up to you to get knowledge, its up to you to walk in that knowledge. James 1:22 is up to you. James 4:7 is up to you.

Notice in verse ten "Unto all pleasing". Pleasing means in all areas of life and in all subject in the word. Its your choice but the Bible says we are to receive the whole counsel of God not just the parts we like.

This morning were going to look at nine areas pertain to our walk before the Lord. If we are going to walk worthy before the Lord with all pleasing these things are a must in your life.

1. I I I John 2-3 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. (3) For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

Remember 2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace are multiplied to us through the knowledge of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

2. Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

We are to walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh.

3. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Walk by faith.

Hebrews 11:6 To please Him requires a walk of faith.

Romans 10:17 To please Him requires hearing and hearing. You ought to be excited to hear the word on Sunday and Wednesday, on the radio, T.V when your listening to a tape or CD or some saint teaching or preaching the word of God.

4. Ephesians 5:2 Walk in love. Love needs to be walked out.

Galations 5:6 says that faith worketh by love. So if we're going to walk worthy of the lord - that is fully pleasing - we will need to keep His commandment of love.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. (35) By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

If we are commanded to love one another we will first need to know the love of the Father so we can love others with that love.

5. Romans 6:4 ...Walk in newness of life.

6. Romans 13:13 Walk in Integrity before the church and the world.

7. Ephesians 2:10 Walk in productivity, walking in good works.

8. Colosians 4:5 We are to walk in wisdom toward the world. We are to be a godly witness before the world.

It's no wonder some sinners will never come to church because of how some Christians have acted.

It's the same way with some Christians they won't come to church because of the way some Christians have acted.

But we need to understand some thing I am never to let any person or persons no matter who they are to keep me from going to church or keep me from serving my Father, Jesus and the church. All the excuses in the world will not be able to stand before God the Father on the day of judgment.

No matter what you do to justify sin in your life it will not stand up in the court room of God.

The sad part is people who justify their actions by talking about other Christians and

about their problems think they are holier than thou. They think they are doing God a great service and what they don't understand is that they are like the church at Colosse—master unto themselves, they are not walking in the Love of God, they are living in sin and they need to repent and turn from their wicked ways.

It's proper to go to someone who is in fault if it is done in a right attitude, but as soon as you share that fault with someone else you no longer have a good report you become a fault finder, a gossip and you have a beam (a plank) in your own eye while your trying to take the splinter out of someone else's and the same judgment you have judged with so shall you be judged. If you want mercy the Bible says to give mercy and you shall receive mercy.

The Bible says in 1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "LOVE WILL COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS."

**9.** Eph 4:1 Walk worthy of your office and calling. Remember it is God who called and God who set you in the church and he saw you faithful before you were faithful he trusted and had confidence in you before you were faithful or trust worthy. We are to remember that we are to be imitators of Christ. We represent our heavenly father in the earth and we ought to act like it.

We are to walk worthy in the Lord not in the flesh or according to the world and we can only do that through the knowledge of God's word and the leadership of the Holy Ghost.