

Walking Worthy

Paul never lost his wonder at having been called by God. He understood that the way he lived should be worthy of the King who had chosen him. He knew that the mystery of the gospel had been hidden for generations and had only been revealed in his day through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:26-27). Paul also understood that until people accept the gospel, they are spiritually dead and therefore without hope (Colossians 2:13). As a result of God's plan of salvation, those who obey Jesus are not only made alive in Christ but are also adopted as the Father's children (Romans 8:16-17).

Because Paul's life had been radically transformed by the gospel, he was intent on living to honor the gospel that gave him life. It would have been tragic to receive the riches of the gospel and then to live as a spiritual pauper. It would have been disgraceful to be saved from death by the blood of Christ and then show no reverence for that sacrifice. The way you live should be a tribute to the matchless grace that Jesus Christ has bestowed on you.

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