

“WALKING WORTHY OF GOD”

1 THESSALONIANS 2:10-12

TEXT: VERSE 12

INTRO: In our study of 1 Thessalonians, we have come to a verse of scripture that is only 16 words in length but possibly contains **one of the MOST SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES FOR THE CHRISTIAN TO CONSIDER IN ALL OF THE WORD OF GOD.** I say that because the theme of this verse will PROPERLY AND EFFECTIVELY guide the BELIEVER into living the kind of life that is **totally pleasing to the Lord.** From this verse I get the sermon title **“WALKING WORTHY OF GOD.”**

SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 2 THESSALONIANS 2:12

- 1) Verse 12 is a KEY VERSE in SERVING GOD EFFECTIVELY.
- 2) Verse 12 presents a concept that is IMPOSSIBLE to obey by personal endeavor.
- 3) Verse 12 is NOT AN OPTION for the TRUE CHILD OF GOD.
- 4) Verse 12 is UNIQUE AMONG all other verses in the WORD OF GOD.
- 5) Verse 12 MUST NOT BE OVERLOOKED by any true CHILD OF GOD.
- 6) Verse 12 STATES the TRUE PURPOSE of CHRISTIAN LIVING.
- 7) Verse 12 presents a concept for which ALL CHRISTIANS will be accountable.
- 8) Verse 12 lays the FOUNDATION that has an ETERNAL EFFECT for all believers.
- 9) Verse 12 will bring TRUE JOY to the believer who OBEYS IT Regularly.
- 10) Verse 12 will render GLORY TO GOD through every believer who OBEYS IT.

SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VERSE

- 1) **Who is Worthy of God?** NO ONE – Romans 3:9-23
- 2) **How does one become Worthy of God?** THRU CHRIST – 1 Corinthians 5:17-21
- 3) **What does Verse 12 Teach?** Consider some of the words:

NOTE: The word “THAT” suggests “PURPOSE.” Thus we see that this verse is presenting to us the PURPOSE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

- a. “WALK” – “PERIPATEO” = “To Tread all around” and suggests the COURSE OR MANNER OF LIFE (God-centered, God-focused, God-honoring).”
- b. “WORTHY” – “AXIOS” = “Appropriately” and suggests that the “ENTIRE LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN IS TO APPROPRIATELY REFLECT AND PLEASE GOD.”
- c. “CALLED YOU” – “KALEO” = “Involves a BID OR COMMAND FROM GOD.”
- d. “KINGDOM” – “BASILEIA” = “The REALM over which GOD HAS CONTROL.”
- e. “GLORY” – “DOXA” = “To HONOR, PRAISE AND WORSHIP”

1 Thessalonians 2:12 teaches that THE PURPOSE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS TO APPROPRIATELY LIVE TO PLEASE AND REFLECT GOD IN ALL THINGS AS WE ARE A PART OF HIS KINGDOM THROUGH THE BORN-AGAIN EXPERIENCE AND THUS, WE ARE TO HONOR, PRAISE AND WORSHIP HIM AND HIM ALONE.”

I. THE GREATEST CHALLENGE OF ALL

“TO APPROPRIATELY PLEASE AND REFLECT GOD IN ALL THINGS.”

TO WALK WORTHY OF GOD

- A. By Practicing Holiness - 1 Peter 1:15,16
- B. By Walking in the Spirit - Galatians 5:15

II. THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE OF ALL

“TO BE A PART OF GOD’S KINGDOM AND TO WORSHIP HIM IN HIS GLORY”

- A. To be a Part of God’s Kingdom
 1. Presently as a part of that Body that is living under the rule of God
 2. Prospectively in the Millennium and all of Eternity
- B. To Worship God in His Glory
 1. Presently Worshipping Him
 2. Prospectively Worshipping Him

III. THE GREATEST CHOICE OF ALL

"TO WALK WORTHY OF GOD"

- A. By Trusting Christ as Savior
- B. By Applying Biblical Truth
 - 1. Knowing the Word of God
 - 2. Obeying the Word of God
 - 3. Applying the Word of God
 - 4. Submitting to Word of God
 - 5. Promoting the Word of God

LESSON AND APPLICATION

EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS ONE MAIN PURPOSE IN LIFE WHICH COMES DIRECTLY FROM GOD HIMSELF....AND THAT IS TO PLEASE AND REFLECT GOD IN ALL ACTIONS, ATTITUDES, ACTIVITIES AND MOTIVE.

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

- 1. Focus on Knowing God's Word***
- 2. Focus on Obeying God's Word***
- 3. Focus in Applying God's Word***
- 4. Focus on Submitting to God's Word***
- 5. Focus on Promoting God's Word***

