

# The Calling of Every Follower of Christ

## Ephesians 4:1

*NIV* "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received" Col.1:10, "And we pray that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way." 1 Th.2:12, says, "urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into His kingdom and glory."

- 1) What is the calling that we are to walk worthy of?
- 2) Who are the ones that received the calling?
- 3) What do we have to do to walk worthy of the calling?

### THE CALLING Ephesians 1 & 2

1:2 "To the \_\_\_\_\_ in Ephesus, the \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus; 1:4 \_\_\_\_\_ by God to be in Christ; 2:12, without \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_ God in the world; 2:13, were far away meaning \_\_\_\_\_ from God

### A NEW REALITY Vs.5-9,

2:5 \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ; 2:6 \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ; 2:6, seated with Christ in the heavenly places; 2:8, have been \_\_\_\_\_ 2:10, have become His workmanship created in \_\_\_\_\_

2:19 "Consequently, you are \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and ---- \_\_\_\_\_ of God's household."

### A NEW IDENTITY

The new reality means that we now have a \_\_\_\_\_

Our new identity is in Christ where we are now living in submission to God in Christ

Ephesians 4:1, "walk/live worthy of the calling to which you have been called."

This is our \_\_\_\_\_ identity, our f \_\_\_\_\_ identity

## LIVE WORTHY

The demand or obligation: walk or \_\_\_\_\_ “worthily” of this high calling

v.14, “NO LONGER BE” like \_\_\_\_\_

v.17, “NO LONGER LIVE” as U\_\_\_\_\_ live.

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever” 1 John 2:15-17*

## LIVING IT OUT

Two necessities for living daily

1. 5:1, *Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as dear children.”* Live trying to imitate God
2. 6:10, *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the devil’s schemes.”*

a war to engage with and battles to fight

Jesus, *“In the world, you will have tribulation.”*

We can live worthily of our calling but it takes \_\_\_\_\_ to

grow up to \_\_\_\_\_

and to no longer live the way \_\_\_\_\_ do

and that will require two necessities of

- 1) living to \_\_\_\_\_ God
- 2) to put on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God so that we will remain strong