

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2026**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—
FIRST AND SECOND THESSALONIANS**

Message Four

**Walking in a Manner Worthy of God and of God's Calling
for the Reality of the Body of Christ**

Scripture Reading: 1 Thes. 2:12; Phil. 3:13-14; Rom. 8:4; Eph. 4:1-4, 15-16, 20-24; 5:2, 8, 18

I. As believers in Christ and children of God, we should walk in a manner worthy of God—1 Thes. 2:12:

- A. First Thessalonians 2:12 is an explanation of 1:1; in order for the church to be in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in a practical way, the believers must walk in a manner worthy of God; to walk in a manner worthy of God actually means to live God—Eph. 4:1, 17; 5:1-2, 8; 2 Cor. 5:7; 1 John 1:7; 2:6; Phil. 1:20-21a:
1. Our daily life should actually be God Himself; since only God is worthy of Himself, to walk in a manner worthy of God is to live God, that is, to express God in our daily living—1 Cor. 10:31.
 2. God's economy is a matter of having God as life and living Him; God's intention in His economy is to impart His element, His substance, and the ingredients of His nature into our being that we may live Him—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 3:16-19; Phil. 1:20-21a.
 3. God's aim in His economy is that we, His chosen and redeemed people, have His life and nature inwardly and His image and likeness outwardly—Gen. 1:26; 2:9.
 4. In the divine life and by the law of the divine life, God will be wrought into us, and we will live Him and be constituted with Him in His life and nature but not in His Godhead; eventually, we will be a corporate entity—the Body of Christ—to be one with Him and live Him for His corporate expression—Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11, 29; Eph. 4:4-6.
 5. To walk in a manner worthy of God by living God is to live the life of a God-man; God-men are divine and mystical persons, doing everything with God, in God, by God, and through God—1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17.
- B. To walk in a manner worthy of God is to walk according to the mingled spirit; this is to live, move, have our being, and do everything according to the Spirit in our spirit—Rom. 8:4; Gal. 5:16, 25:
1. Obeying the sense of life, obeying the teaching of the anointing, and walking according to the spirit are three aspects of one thing—Rom. 8:4, 6; 1 John 2:27.
 2. Walking according to the mingled spirit causes our flesh, self, and natural life to lose their position and function—Gal. 5:16; Matt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 2:11-15.
 3. Walking according to the mingled spirit allows the processed and consummated Triune God—the Spirit—to gain the full ground in us so that we may be one with Him for His corporate expression—Eph. 3:16-21.
 4. By walking according to the mingled spirit, we keep ourselves under the “shower” of the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity; ultimately, the Bible requires only one thing of us—that we walk according to the mingled spirit—Ezek. 34:26; Rom. 8:4, 11.
 5. To walk according to the mingled spirit is to let the processed Triune God fill and saturate us until He permeates our whole being to be expressed through us in a corporate way as

the Body of Christ, consummating in the New Jerusalem—Eph. 3:16-21; 4:4-6, 16; Col. 1:27; 2:19; 3:4, 10-11; Rev. 21:2, 10-11.

II. God's desire in His up-to-date recovery is for us to have a walk worthy of His calling for the reality of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:1-4:

- A. The first item of a walk worthy of God's calling is for us to be diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit as the reality of the Body of Christ, with the transformed human virtues strengthened by and with the divine attributes—vv. 2-4:
1. To walk worthily of God's calling is to have a corporate living of pursuing and gaining Christ to the uttermost so that we can be conformed to His death by the power of His resurrection; this corporate, Christ-magnifying, God-man living, which is the reality of the Body of Christ, will close this age, the age of the church, and will bring Christ back to take, possess, and rule over this earth in the kingdom age—Phil. 1:19-21a; 3:10-14; Gal. 2:20; Rev. 19:7-9; 20:6.
 2. In beseeching the saints to walk worthily of God's calling, Paul spoke from his status as a prisoner of Christ Jesus and a prisoner in the Lord—Eph. 3:1; 4:1:
 - a. Sooner or later, every steward of God, every minister of God's riches, every faithful lover of Christ, will be imprisoned not only by Christ but also in Christ; the more we love Him, the more we will be in Him to such an extent that He will become our prison for us to enjoy Him to the uttermost so that we may have a walk that is worthy of God's calling.
 - b. The more freedom we have, the more blind we are, but if Christ is our prison, our eyes will be opened to see the heavenly vision, and we will receive the highest revelation of God's economy—3:9; Acts 26:19.
 3. In the Spirit of the glorified Jesus, there is the transformed humanity of Jesus; to drink of and flow out the one Spirit for the one Body is to drink of and flow out the Spirit of the man Jesus, to drink of and flow out the humanity of Jesus with His divinely enriched human virtues of lowliness, meekness, and long-suffering, bearing one another in love—John 7:37-39a; 1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 16:7; Eph. 4:2-3.
- B. The second item of a walk worthy of God's calling is for us to grow up into Christ the Head in all things—vv. 15-16:
1. In order to grow up into Christ in all things for the building up of His Body, we need to enjoy Christ as our all-inclusive, universal replacement for the producing of the one new man, so we must "hear Him" and see "Jesus only"—vv. 15-16; Mark 9:7-8:
 - a. God fired Shebna, a steward in the house of the king (Isa. 22:15-19), and replaced him with Eliakim, a type of Christ (vv. 20-24; Rev. 3:7); God also fired all the vessels within His house to replace them with Christ (Isa. 22:25).
 - b. Whatever or whoever is not Christ, God "fires"; God has replaced everything in His Old Testament economy with Christ—Mark 1:1-8; Matt. 17:3-5; Col. 2:16-17; Heb. 10:5-10; 11:5-6; cf. Isa. 22:20-25.
 - c. When God created us, He "hired" us; when He put us on the cross, crucifying us with Christ, He "fired" us; when He resurrected us together with Him, He "re-hired" us by making us a new species of God-men, a new invention of God as His corporate masterpiece, bringing us back to His original intention of creating us for His glory, His corporate expression—Gen. 1:26; 1 Cor. 11:7a; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:6, 10, 15; Isa. 43:7.
 - d. The real church life is a life in which all the saints are fired and replaced with Christ, making Christ everything in the church as the reality of the one new man for the glory of the Triune God—Col. 3:10-11; 1 Cor. 10:31.
 2. In the New Testament, Christ's replacing us is altogether a matter of a grafted life; we are united with Christ, and in this union Christ replaces us; replacing demands union,

- whereas exchanging annuls our union with Christ (John 15:4-5); because Christ joined Himself to us, uniting Himself with us, when He died on the cross, we died with Him and were terminated (Rom. 11:17, 24; 6:6).
3. Now in our organic union with Christ through our faith in Him, He replaces us by living in us, with us, by us, and through us; we live, yet not we, but Christ lives in us, and we live by the faith of the Son of God; this indicates an organic union with Christ—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:19-21a.
- C. The third item of a walk worthy of God’s calling is for us to learn Christ as the reality is in Jesus, which is the actual condition of the life of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels—Eph. 4:20-24:
1. John 6:57 reveals how the reality that is in Jesus, the God-man living of Jesus, can become the reality of the Body of Christ, the corporate God-man living of the new man as the duplication of the God-man living of Jesus; the purpose of God in sending the Lord Jesus to be a man was for Him to live a God-man life by the divine life; this kind of living issues in a universal great man that is exactly the same as He is—a man living a God-man life by the divine life.
 2. John 6:57 says, “As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me”—this is the reality of the Body of Christ, the corporate God-man living of the many members of the Body of Christ, who are learning Christ as the reality is in Jesus.
 3. We do not live *by* Christ, taking Christ as our instrument; we live *because of* Christ, taking Christ as the supplying factor of our living; to live because of Christ as our food, we must eat Him so that He can be the supplying and energizing factor to live in us and through us for the building up of His Body as the perfect will of God—v. 63; Jer. 15:16; Rom. 8:2; 12:1-2.
- D. The fourth item of a walk worthy of God’s calling is for us to live in love and light—Eph. 5:2, 8:
1. We need to be partakers, enjoyers, of the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4); the divine nature is what God is—God is Spirit (John 4:24), God is love (1 John 4:8, 16), and God is light (1:5); Spirit is the nature of God’s person, love is the nature of God’s essence, and light is the nature of God’s expression.
 2. We all need to spend an adequate amount of personal time with the Lord to privately fellowship with Him in our spirit so that we can be filled with His loving essence for Him to shepherd others through us and can be filled with His shining element for others to see Him in us—John 4:24; Luke 15:20; Matt. 5:15-16.
- E. The fifth item of a walk worthy of God’s calling is for us to live by being filled in spirit to overflow with Christ—Eph. 5:18:
1. Speaking, singing, psalming, giving thanks to God, and subjecting ourselves to one another in the fear of Christ are not only the outflow of being filled in spirit but also the way to be filled in spirit—vv. 19-21.
 2. To be filled in spirit is to be filled with the riches of Christ to become the fullness of Christ, the overflow of Christ; by calling on the Lord and pray-reading His Word, we can continually receive Him as grace upon grace to become His fullness, His overflow—3:8; 1:23; 3:19b; Rom. 10:12-13; Eph. 6:17-18; John 1:16.
 3. We can live a life of being filled in spirit by praying at every time in spirit so that we may become Christ’s bride for His satisfaction and become His warrior for the defeat of His enemy—Eph. 5:18, 25-27; 6:10, 17-18.