

## **2013 Basic Doctrines (12)** **(Walk Worthy of His Calling)**

This is the third study of the 10<sup>th</sup> basic doctrine of Called of God.

We have studied [the Called of God Parable](#) (Matt.22:1-14) and [Irrevocable Call of God](#) (Rom.11:29) and now **Walk Worthy of Calling**.

The Called of God comprises the Divine Agency of each Dispensation of biblical history.

- **In the Gentile dispensation**, the divine agency was the family of the messianic seed from Adam to Abraham (Gen.3:15; 5:1-32; Luke 3:34-38).
- **In the Jewish dispensation**, it was the priest-nation of Israel from Abraham to David to Jesus Christ (Ex.19:6; Matt.1:1-17; John 1:11-13).
- **In the Church dispensation**, divine agency is the body of Christ, the Church of Jesus Christ (1 Pet.2:5, 9; Col.3:15; Gal.3:28).

<b>This lesson will study three aspects of Paul's instruction to Walk Worthy of Calling</b>
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(Eph.4:1) "Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord (Acts 21-28), implore you to walk in a manner worthy of calling with which you have been called (kaleo / a.p.ind.2pl)."

### **1. A Believer, Spiritually growing by applying and practicing Basic Christian Doctrines gives credence to the importance of walking worthy to the calling of God.**

(2 Thess.1:11-12) "To this end also we pray for you always that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power; in order that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 4:12; Phil.2:9-11)

(Eph.1:18) "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, **what** are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

### **2. Every person Called of God is secured in all three phases of the Plan of God by the Grace God.**

#### **Phase I: Salvation**

(1 Cor.1:24-26) "But to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble." (1 Cor.1:18); (Eph.4:4)

#### **Phase II: The Believer in Time (Christian Way of Life)**

(Gal.5:13) "For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (1Pet.2:16, 20-25)

(1 Pet.1:15) “But like the Holy One who called you, be holy your selves also in all your behavior.”

(Phil.3:14) “I press on toward the goal for **the prize of the upward call** of God in Christ Jesus.”

### **Phase III: The Believer in Eternity**

(2 Pet.1:10-11) “Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.” (2 Tim.4:18)

### **3. The Church Age Believer (CAB) must learn to be content with status quo in life (1 Cor.7:17-24).**

(1 Cor.7:17) “Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And thus I direct in all the churches.” ((1 Cor.7:17-19; 7:20-23; Gal.3:28)

(1 Cor.7:24, 20) “Brethren, let each man remain with God in that condition in which he was called.”

Many think that they could serve The Lord better (**if**) conditions of their lives were different. **But you serve the Lord from your soul and not from your situations of life (Luke 21:2).**

Paul is reminding us that Inhale and exhale of the Word of God is designed to change your soul and not necessarily your situation (2 Tim.3:16-17). Belief in The Gospel is Regeneration of the soul of the unbeliever; and the inhale and exhale of the Word of God is Transformation of the soul of the Believer (Rom.12:2).

The consistent inhale and exhale of the Word of God, under pressure, brings confidence and inner peace regarding the faithfulness of God and His perfect timing His Perfect Plan. (1 Cor.1:9); (Phil.4:6-7)

**Note** your part and God’s part.

### **HOME STUDY**

**While reading (Phil.4:11-13), fill in the rest of the verses.**

I have learned \_\_\_\_\_

I know how \_\_\_\_\_

I have learned the secret \_\_\_\_\_

I can do \_\_\_\_\_

**While reading (Eph.4:1-3), write the five virtues of Walking Worthy of your Calling.**

With all **H** \_\_\_\_\_

and **G** \_\_\_\_\_,

with **P** \_\_\_\_\_,

showing **F** \_\_\_\_\_ to one another in love,

being **D** \_\_\_\_\_ to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (NAS)