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THEME: LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

TOPIC: LIVING WORTHY

TEXT: EPHESIANS 4:1 – 3, 17 - 26

INTRODUCTION

This is the second half of Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians. He started with **"...I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received..."** The first sign of a saved person is that his life is different, Eph 2:2-3, and 4:17-19

THE CONSTRAINT OF A WORTHY LIFE: Gal 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:14, We are constraint by a tender, loving appeal to live a life that correspond with the high calling in Christ Jesus. Paul's appeal is from the Christ urging us to live worthy. Are we going to heed this appeal or live a dishonouring to Christ? The choice is ours to make

CHARACTERISTICS OF A WORTHY LIFE: Genesis 5:22-24 (Enoch), Gen. 24:40 (Abraham), Noah, Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego, they all "walked with God".

1. A Worthy Life is a Heavenly Life: Hebrews 3:1, Philippians 3:14, 2 Timothy 1:9, Our calling is a heavenly calling, A high calling, A holy calling. We are a Heavenly people living on the Earth, so we must live heavenly

2. A Worthy Life is a Humble Life: Matt 11:29, Philippians 2:3, Titus 3:2, James 1:21, 1 Peter 5:6, Humility means to be selfless and not easily offended, willing to forgive all offences without holding grudges

3. A Worthy Life is a Helpful (Patient) Life: Colossians 3:13, Ephesians 5:2, To endure with an unruffled temper instead of being intolerant, impatient and critical. Bearing means loving, putting up with what we don't like in other people, it is motivated by love.

4. A Worthy life is a Hard Life: Romans 12:18, Makes every effort... means to "strive with great earnestness and unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace", talks about effort, toil, perseverance for God has wonderfully united all believers in the body of Christ (v4-6) Our responsibility as believers to maintain that unity

5. A Worthy Life is Holy life: Ephesians 4:30, 5:18, 17-26, 1 Thess 2:10, "Spirit...", The Holy Spirit that dwells in us is easily grieved. To live Holy we must, (1.) v.17-19, "WALK NOT", (2) v.22,25, "PUT OFF", (3)v.24, "PUT ON", (4) v.26 we "DO NOT"

CONCLUSION: How long is this earthly life, when and how will it end? "Be ye Holy, as your heavenly father..." 1 Peter 1:15-16