

WALK WORTHY OF GOD

I THESSALONIANS 2:12

WAITING FOR JESUS MESSAGE: TWO

I started in ministry as a High School pastor at Bob Jones University. Every week I would challenge them to join me on a weekend outreach. Here is our theme song:

I sing a new song [they echo repeat]
 Since Jesus came [they echo repeat]
 Serve a new Master [they echo repeat]
 Wear a new Name [they echo repeat]
 Walk a new Road [they echo repeat]
 Have a new Goal [they echo repeat]
 I know a new Peace [they echo repeat]
 Down deep in my Soul [they echo repeat]

How did Paul minister to them? He gave them the same plan he gave any other sinner. God's recovery program is sanctification! When Paul proclaimed Christ to those deep in the dungeon of sin, he offered a recovery program. The vice grip of sin could be destroyed and the sin appetite abated.

Did Paul see lasting change? Resoundingly the Scriptures say YES! The vivid reality of washed saints, cleansed from the filth of sin's prison, is the grandest picture the first-century church passed on to us.

Excavating the secret of this recovery program takes us to one of the ancient provinces of Rome and the city of Thessalonica.

THE CITY

Early this century a group of French archaeologists began to excavate the ancient ruins of a city along the coast of the Aegean Sea. As the work progressed they came to the NECROPOLIS or "City of the Dead". Apart from the Necropolis was a separate area - a CEMETERY "sleeping place" KOIMEO. To the amazement of the archeologists was the presence of a unique word seldom if ever used in the ancient world:

AMEMPTOS. Across each white marble slab deeply cut was a message that crossed the dust of centuries.

THE CALLING

Across each white marble slab deeply cut was a message that crossed the dust of centuries. Open your Bibles to I Th. 3:13 - unblameable in holiness. Also 2:10 and 5:23

THE CONDUCT

The apostle distilled the Christian life down to some bite-sized pieces. These saints had no tapes. There were no bookstores to catch the latest titles. They had no Christian radio. There was no study bible to use and carry around. In reality it was only what they heard and could remember! So Paul reduced the entire life down to some neat little mottos to hold onto easily! We can call these: **EXHORTATIONS** for Unashamed Living:

First Thessalonians 1:10	They had A NEW GOAL : Wait for Son
First Thessalonians 2:12	They had A NEW PLAN : Walk worthy of God
First Thessalonians 2:13	They had A NEW AUTHORITY : Take God at His Word
First Thessalonians 2:14-20	They had A NEW STANDARD : Measure all by Christ's coming
First Thessalonians 3:3,4	They had A NEW PERSPECTIVE : Accept suffering from God
First Thessalonians 3:12	They had A NEW RESOURCE : Abound in love
First Thessalonians 4:3	They had A NEW APPETITE : Stay pure
First Thessalonians 4:11	They had A NEW LIFESTYLE : Be quiet, Mind own business, Work
First Thessalonians 4:18	They had A NEW MINISTRY : Comfort one another
First Thessalonians 5:11	They had A NEW FOCUS : Edify one another
First Thessalonians 5:16	They had A NEW HABIT : Rejoice always
First Thessalonians	They had A NEW CONTACT : Pray always

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First Thessalonians 5:18	They had A NEW AWARENESS : Be thankful

Waiting for the Son is a LIFE THAT EVERY:

Titus 2:11-13	DAY is Denying ungodliness
Phil. 3:20-21	MOMENT is Watching Eagerly!
Gen. 48:15-16	ONE is Living and Dying in hope!
Gen. 50:19-	THING is revealing God's Hand!
Heb. 11:13	TIME is Looking for a city with foundations!

Do Simeon and Anna in Luke 2 to illustrate the WALK!
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