

For Paul, what does walking in a manner worthy of the calling, look like?

Ephesians 4:1b

How does this come through in the way he describes himself?

Ephesians 4:1b

What does this tell us about what a worthy Christian walk might involve?

Summarise what Paul is saying in Ephesians 4:1 and what this means for each of us.

EPHESIANS LINE BY LINE

The story so far...

Chapter 4 marks the turning point in the book of Ephesians.

The focus on doctrine which leads to doxology in chapters 1 to 3, now turns to devotion.

Having instructed them, and interceded for them, the apostle Paul now exhorts the Christians at Ephesus.

Ephesians 4:1

*“I, therefore,
a prisoner for the Lord,

urge you
to walk
in a manner worthy
of the calling
to which you have been called...”*

Verse 1a

Up until this point in Ephesians, there has only been one command. What is it?

Ephesians 2:11

What are we to remember?

Scan through Ephesians 4-6. What are some of the commands we are given in these chapters?

What one word in verse 1 is the answer to the question, “How can I be the kind of person described in chapters 4 to 6?”

Why?

What one word in verse 1 is the answer to the question, “Why should I live the way described in chapters 4 to 6?”

Why?

Verse 1b-c

Who is Paul talking to in this verse and those that follow?

What is the tone of Paul’s words?

What does Paul want them to do?

How would you explain what Paul means by the word “walk”?

How would you explain what Paul means by the word “worthy”?

What is Paul getting at when he says, “walk in a manner worthy”?

What is “the calling” Paul is referring to?

1 Peter 2:9

Ephesians 2:4-5

John 6:44

Who does God call?

Romans 8:30

How does God call people?

Ephesians 1:13

What blessings belong to those who have been called?

Ephesians 1:3

How do those who respond to the call live?

Ephesians 4:1c