

Worthy of the Calling

6-14-20

Ephesians 1:1-3

Worthy: _____
_____.

1. _____ to Worthy living.

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

*** The Calling:** _____.

*"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;
¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV)

2. We are _____ worthy.

"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world...³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else."

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)

3. _____ requirements.

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:"

Ephesians 1:1 (NIV)

4. The _____ of worth.

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 1:2 (NIV)

A. Grace:

* _____ favor.

* _____.

B. _____ . (Shalom)

- Peace is what those who follow Eastern religions say comes only through the obliteration of the individual personality, becoming a part of the universe with no awareness of self. **But they really mean serenity.**
- Peace is what the elderly neighbor wants when the teenager across the street is practicing on his drums. **She really wants quiet.**
- Peace is what the shopkeeper wants when he's worried about paying his bills. He really means that he'd like his store to be busy and bustling with customers. **Peace to him means prosperity.**
- The patient waiting anxiously in the doctor's office to be told the results of a battery of lab tests wants peace. **He really means good health.***

Reflection Questions

Am I living a life of grace and peace?

Do I need a life of grace and peace?

Will I ask God to show me the way to life and peace?

Next Week (6-21-20): Ephesians 1:4-14