

WALKING WORTHY

Colossians 1:9-14

In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God walks among His people again — we are consecrated, commissioned, and carried people.

I. Consecrated for Communion (vv. 9-10)

- A. Walking worthy begins with being **consecrated**: set apart for the holy presence of God.
- B. Like the priests in the Tabernacle, we are filled with the Spirit to know His will, that we might walk in communion with Him.
 - 1. *Exodus 31:3 — consecrated for Tabernacle service. 1 Kings 7:13-14 — consecrated for Temple service.*
- C. Humanity's original calling to "be fruitful and multiply" reflects our priestly role in God's sacred presence (Gen. 1:28).

II. Commissioned with Capabilities (vv. 11-12)

- A. Walking worthy involves being **commissioned**: the Holy Spirit empowering us to grow into the capabilities God has called us to.
- B. Like Israel, God has qualified us to share in the inheritance.
 - 1. *Ezekiel 36:26-27 — God gives His Spirit to cause His people to walk in His ways. Romans 15:13 — True endurance & joy come through the Holy Spirit's power.*
- C. Gratitude is the natural response to God's power and presence.

III. Carried into Christ (vv. 13-14)

- A. Walking worthy involves being **carried** first: from the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son.
- B. Through Christ, we have been rescued from slavery to sin and brought into the light of God's kingdom.
 - 1. *Exodus 6 — Israel's deliverance from Egypt foreshadows the greater redemption in Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6 — God shines the light of His glory into our hearts through Christ.*
- C. The same Spirit who seals believers for the day of redemption now empowers us to walk worthy of the King who rescued us.