Walking Worthy of The Lord Wed 7/24/19

Colossians 1:9-19 (NKJV)

- ⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
- that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him,* being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;
- ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
- ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

- ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.
- ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
- ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
- ¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell,

We are no longer ordinary men.

1 Corinthians 3:3 (AMP)

³ You are still worldly [controlled by ordinary impulses, the sinful capacity]. For as long as there is jealousy and strife *and* discord among you, are you not unspiritual, and are you not walking like ordinary men [unchanged by faith]?

Colossians 1:12 (NKJV)

¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Father God has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints. This refers to every promise and provision of the gospel for believers who are delivered from the power of satan and have been translated into the kingdom of God.

Being fruitful in every good work.

John 15:7-8 (NKJV)

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Bearing fruit comes from the abiding word.

2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)

³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Prayer fruit, faith fruit, love fruit.

The miracle in Col 1:12 is the two fold action described in John 15:7-8. Walking worthy = bearing fruit; bearing fruit = letting the Word <u>abide</u> in you. Walking in the Word is walking with God. We have been made to walk in a covenant with God.

Ephesians 2:12 (NKJV)

¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Being without a covenant is being without God in this world.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will dwell in them
And walk among them.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people."

17 Therefore

"Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you."

18 "I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters,
Says the LORD Almighty."

The covenant man is God-inside minded.