



MESSAGE NOTES

Live a Life Worthy of the Calling

Ephesians 4:1-6

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Ephesians 4 “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to **live a life worthy of the calling** you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Worthy?

2 Timothy 1:9 “He has saved us and called us to a holy life—**not because of anything we have done** but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,”

Parable of a King who sends servants to call people to his sons wedding banquet (Matthew 22:1-14)

Jesus tells how people will respond to God’s call.

1. Those who reject the calling

Matthew 22:5-7 **5** But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. **6** The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. **7** The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

2. Those who accept the calling

Matthew 22:8-10. “**8** Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. **9** So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ **10** So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

3. Those who neglected the calling

Matthew 22:11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.

Hebrews 2:3“ How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation...”

Conclusion : We have been called. He has given us the garment of salvation.

Isaiah 61:10 “I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.