

“...walk worthily...” from the Book of Philippians

Scripture Block: Pp 1:1-11

Theme: GOD’S EXPECTATION OF FRUITFUL SERVICE

Life verse: Pp 1:9-11

Today’s passage: Pp 1:6

Notes

Application

We have been discussing the concept of “experiential sanctification” as it relates to the Christian Way of Life, i.e. the process of God conforming us to the image of His Son. Let’s continue where we left off last time.

6. Our conformity to the likeness of Christ in our everyday experience is the work of God. This makes it grace, in fact another facet of grace.

- It is grace because God supplies the means and we receive the blessing.
- This helps us avoid the error of thinking that the CWL is our responsibility—that we somehow have to “shape ourselves up” by our own efforts. This amounts to trying to rehabilitate self and is destined to the frustration described in the 7th chapter of the book of Romans. We simply cannot do it. I am not saying that we do not have a role in the process, nor am I saying it is automatic—what I am saying is that we do not have the resources within ourselves to make ourselves holy or like Christ.
- I call it another “facet” of grace, because the grace of God to can be likened to a beautiful diamond.



- It is not just that God has met our need of salvation, but that his plan accounts for every need we will ever have. Just as when you turn a diamond in the light, you will get a flash of brilliance every time another facet reflects the light; so too every time we turn to the Lord in need, another aspect of his grace will abundantly meet that need. This verse is telling us that the provision for us to experientially become like him is part of his provision for us. Thanks be to God for his marvelous and continual provision that meets our every need.