

Savior Supreme
Walking Worthy of Christ
Colossians 1:3-12

We tend to see things in a negative way. We are worst-case scenario people. Somehow we have shifted from being a people who hoped for the best to being a people who filter everything through the lens of brokenness and despair. Our hatred for opposing political views or worldviews keeps us from acknowledging any good that might come from them.

1. God deserves our _____ for our _____
 - A. Paul was thankful that their _____
 - B. Paul was thankful for their _____
 - C. Paul was thankful for their _____
 - D. Paul was thankful that the gospel was _____
2. Believers are to be _____ spiritually
 - A. We need to grow in our _____
 - B. We need to grow in spiritual _____ and _____
 - C. We need to _____ in a way that _____ God
3. Faith empowers our _____ to walk _____ of the Lord
 - A. By faith we _____
 - B. By faith we _____
 - C. By faith we _____

Through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, God has enabled, he has qualified us, to approach His throne of grace. In the midst of our sin, rescued us through the gospel. He didn't wait for us to will ourselves to a better life so that we would become worthy of His rescue. He rescued us and calls us to live life worthy of that rescue—a life of faith that pleases Him.

Reflection

What is it that you are struggling with in life? Whether it is a financial strain, a health issue, a relationship that needs reconciliation, or anything else that you are having to patiently endure, consider how you might find God in the midst of it a joy in finding God there? Consider the relationship between faith and good works. Do you think that you are earning credit for doing good things or are the good things you are doing a result of knowing God intimately and to live in a way that pleases Him? What needs to change in order to have a heart filled with gratitude?