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Our Wealth & Our Walk

**Called by grace to belong
to His body (Chap. 1)**



**Walk worthy of your calling—
the unity of the Body (4:1-16)**

**Raised from the dead
(2:1-10)**



**Put off the grave clothes
(4:17-5:17); walk in purity**

**Reconciled
(2:11-22)**



**Walk in harmony
(5:18-6:9)**

**Christ's victory over Satan
is the mystery (Chap. 3)**



**Walk in Victory
(6:10-24)**

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#1 – “Walk in Love” (vv 1-2)

Reasons:

1. Because you are saved!
2. You are now His child!
3. He purchased you with a great price!

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1. We Are Saints

1 Peter 2: 9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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3. We Are Light

Matthew 5: 16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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#1 – “Walk in Love” (vv 1-2)

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Reasons:

1. Wisdom (v 15)
2. Life Is Short (v 16a)
3. The Days Are Evil (v 16b)
4. We Have A Mind (v 17a)
5. God Has A Plan (v 17b)

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