1Thess #31

Walk in the new nature to glorify God

Please remember I will be off after this Thursday until Tuesday the 3rd at which time I will be back to teach and do the Lord’s supper as well.

We will open back up in 1Thessalonians chapter two and pick up where we left off before the birthday celebration of our LORD.

I want to get us back and focused on new studies for the coming New Year so let us read right thru verse 10 into verse 15 to get our minds back on track!

1Thes 2:10 You are witnesses, and *so is* God, *of* how devoutly and rightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;

[1Th 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/11/s_1113011) just as you know how *we were* exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father *would* his own children,

The Apostle Paul uses these 3 descriptive words. Because true leadership and teachers have to stay within a certain framework or skill set that can not become a distraction or confusion for the students or those under their authority.

/[1Th 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/12/s_1113012) so that **you would walk in a manner worthy of the God** who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.\

Notice if the teaching is given in proper fashion it becomes a decision that the students walk in a certain manner. They have to apply positive volition to the teaching.

[1Th 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/13/s_1113013) For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not *as* the word of *mere* men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which also is at work in you who believe.

These Bels at Thessalonica received and applied that which they learned in a certain fashion. This is pointing us to the two power options.

[1Th 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/14/s_1113014) For you, brothers *and sisters,* became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they *did* from the Jews,

[1Th 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/15/s_1113015) who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all people,

Those who killed the Lord are the same type of crowd who continue to attack truth and those who present the truth of BD.

There is no middle ground in what Paul states. You are either accepting and willing to listen to truth or you are an enemy of it.

Go over to the gospel of John chapter 16 RF.

The Apostle Paul is pleased that these new Bels are already growing and moving forward.

Take note how that growth and forward motion happens;

/1Thes 2:12 - **you would walk in a manner worthy**

*peripateō axiōs,* conduct or live your life in a manner or way which is godly. Be occupied with a worthy lifestyle.\

PERRI-PET-AT-O OX-EE-OT-O

This points to a consistent dwelling place which means, a lifestyle of good, godly choices.

How do we live a life worthy of GOD? There is nothing in our flesh that can achieve this.

It is the same way we glorify God.

It is all Christ dependent - which means HIS righteousness, HIS mind and our union with HIM is the only source.

Jesus made it very clear that once the HS came upon the church and the new CA really got underway, that more clarity would come for true Bels.

/Jhn 16:12 “I have many more things to say to you, but **you cannot bear *them* at the present time**.

*Dynamai bastazō,* you lack power or strength to carry or endure what you need to fully understand.\

DOO-NO-ME-AH BAS-ODDZO, this is where we get our word dynamite from. This speaks to power or strength and having a certain ability to carry it meaning to accept it, understand it and endure in it.

/[Jhn 16:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/16/13/s_1013013) “But **when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth;** for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and **He will disclose to you** what is to come.\

There is no other way to interpret this than a spiritual power that will come from God the HS.

God the HS has a new interaction with Bels in the CA. The OT saints did not have an indwelling of the Trinity or the ability to be filled with God the HS.

God the HS came upon certain spiritual leaders in the OT, or even groups of Bels but it was not a permanent indwelling.

[Jhn 16:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/16/14/s_1013014) “He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

[Jhn 16:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/jhn/16/15/s_1013015) “All things that the Father has are Mine; this is why I said that He takes from Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

The gospel of John in chapter sixteen clearly points to information, guidance or a disclosure which highlights intellectual categories, not emotional waves.

It tells us we will hear and HE will speak – not weeping and slobbering in an emotional rollercoaster ride.

/Glorifying God the Father and Jesus Christ points us to what we do with the word (mind of Christ), in the power of our new nature (Christ nature). Walking in the new nature means we are dwelling, moving forward in our Christ-like nature. This is the ONLY way to move toward spiritual growth and glorify God in the angelic warfare.\

Emotions do not equate to spirituality – there are rare times in our Christian walk when emotions will associate with God the HS.

It is not the norm and standard and yet most church going Christians, believe it is and therefore most Christians do not grow or glorify God.

Satan’s success with counterfeits and confusion is at an extremely high rate. I mean that concerning Christian churches and Bels who think they are doing God’s will outside the filling power of the Spirit and application of the WORD.

 REPEAT

/The purpose of the indwelling Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ —

Jhn 7:39 But this **He said in reference to the Spirit**, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the **Spirit was not yet given**, because **Jesus was not yet glorified**.\

Such glorification takes place on the inside of the Believer — yet mankind is so impressed and occupied with the exterior and that is where Satan gets his wins from.

Satan is arrogant and blinded with pride more often than not – but he is a genius.

Often, in the natural realm people have extremely high IQ’s or they become very book smart. Yet their own pride and arrogance makes them appear foolish at times.

God wants you to be educated but your education needs to be filtered through the lens of BD. Your spiritual IQ means more than your cosmic IQ.

To glorify God, you have to have BD active in your life – you have to have God the HS active in your life.

/1Cor 6:19 Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you**, whom you have from God, and *that* you are not your own? 20 For **you have been bought** for a price: therefore **glorify God in your body**.\

The glorification issue and spiritual growth revolve around the filling of the Spirit — as seen in scriptures like Ephesians 5:18 and John 16 we just noted. As well as what the Apostle Paul is saying in 1Thess chapter two.

The fact is the NT has many scriptures teaching us to walk in our new nature and take off the old nature.

The Spirit-filled Bel produces a mental attitude and operates in a standard which constitutes an open letter from God to the human race. The letter is the Believer’s life written by the Holy Spirit;

/2Cor 3:2 **You are our letter**, written in our hearts, known and read by all people, 3 **revealing yourselves, that you are a letter of Christ**, delivered by us, written not with ink but **with the Spirit** of the living God, **not on tablets of stone** but on tablets of human hearts.\

Turn to Philippians chapter one.

There is a reason I hammer home the two power options – because without these two, being active in your life, there is no spiritual growth or forward movement for the Bel.

The Apostle Paul compares the two power options -walking in the new nature, as important as the ten commandments in relation to Bels in the dispensation of Israel.

/In the nation of Israel to walk in the commands and laws would be to fulfill the plan of God. In the CA to walk in the new nature is the equivalent. All spiritual leaders whether prophets or men like Moses and David in the OT, had the WORD and the power of the HS to guide them. The CA is very similar, yet we are unique in the indwelling and filling power aspect. They had the shadow of what we now walk in.\

The CA Believer filled with the Spirit glorifies Christ inside his or her body — it is not based upon what you feel in any given moment but what motivates you and what nature you are walking in.

The city of Phillipi became known and popular for retired military men.

Though it had a small population of Jewish and Greek culture scattered around the landscape it held a majority of Roman military families around this time of the Apostle Paul writing this letter.

It was located about 115 miles northeast of Thessalonica, a popular city and a Roman stronghold.

One of the themes was again the Apostle Paul warning against travelling ministries of false teachers. This is part of Paul’s four prison epistles - Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

Phlp 1:15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from goodwill;

[Phl 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/1/16/s_1104016) the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;

Paul is stating that there were a few good men ordained or under his authority that may be teaching the word accurately in his absence.

[Phl 1:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/1/17/s_1104017) the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking that they are causing me distress in my imprisonment.

The reality is there will always be those who not only oppose the truth - they will purposely attack BD.

[Phl 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/1/18/s_1104018) What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. But *not only that,* I also will rejoice,

Pretense (PROF-ESS-SIS) - is the Greek noun for putting on a show, false motivates or fabrication.

The Apostle Paul is not even bothered by the nonsense and never gets caught up in the pettiness of this type of attack. He is glad the name Jesus Christ is ringing out across the land.

Sometimes we need to just rejoice that the church down the road brings up the name Jesus Christ, instead of trying to argue over the false doctrines they peddle.

/[Phl 1:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/1/19/s_1104019) for **I know that this will turn out for my deliverance** through your prayers and the provision of **the Spirit of Jesus Christ**,

God will work all things together for good when we habitually walk in the nature of Christ.\

The Philippian congregation was very generous with their finances and prayer for Paul.

He was grateful for them.

/[Phl 1:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/1/20/s_1104020) according to my eager expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, **Christ will even now, as always, be exalted** (*megalynō*)**in my body**, whether by life or by death.

To lift up high, to make apparent and magnify our Christ-like nature in our life.\

MEG-AH-LOON-O, it means to bring to light - to magnify. To increase in greatness or value – to glorify.

No matter what the challenges facing us, the lies or counterfeits around us, we are to focus on lifting up our Christ-like nature.

Jump over to Ephesians chapter 3.

/The Bel filled with the Spirit has Christ at home in his body, when the two power options are active, this is when HIS nature shines forth in our life. The Bel who simply names and cites known sin, then almost immediately falls back into the OSN never walks forward in the truth of the WORD. This means no spiritual growth and no glorification of God in spiritual warfare.\

Somedays we are all lucky to have ten minutes in the new nature!

But there should come a time in your journey where you begin to walk longer periods in the new nature than the old nature. That begins to accumulate crowns, blessings and rewards along with growth and glorification of God. They all go hand in hand.

/Eph 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to **be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self,**

True spiritual power and guidance from God the HS is rarely referenced in scripture as an emotional experience.\

[Eph 3:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/17/s_1100017) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

ROOTED & GROUNDED – speaks to spiritual balance not an emotional rollercoaster.

/[Eph 3:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/18/s_1100018) may be able **to comprehend** with all the saints what is **the width** and **length** and **height** and **depth**, 19and **to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge,** that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

To comprehend, that which Paul speaks of is related to the ICE principle. (isagogics; categories; exegesis) the right study principles done in the right way.\

Comprehend is the Greek verb – *katalambanō* (KAT-AH-LOM-BANO) it was used many times by the military, meaning to overthrow, to seize or take hold of. KNOWLEDGE!

It meant to mentally and physically take hold of. Take hold of the depth – the length… the width – the deeper principles of the mind of Christ.

The Apostle Paul is saying the BEL MAY BE ABLE TO TAKE HOLD…there is no guarantee, because it takes free will, positive choices and effort to get to this level.

The Believer who habitually walks in the new nature begins to form the characteristics of Christ inside of their body (in the soul) —

/Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor **until Christ is formed in you**—

Gal 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.\

This change is not done from the flesh it is supernatural in nature, it means you habitually conform to the mind of Christ.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed **by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will **of** God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.