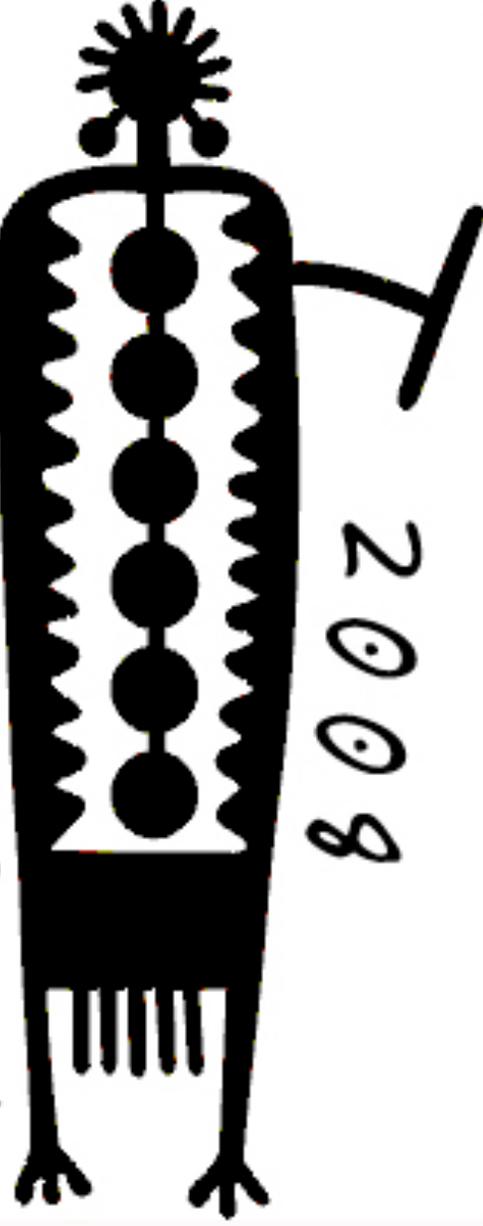


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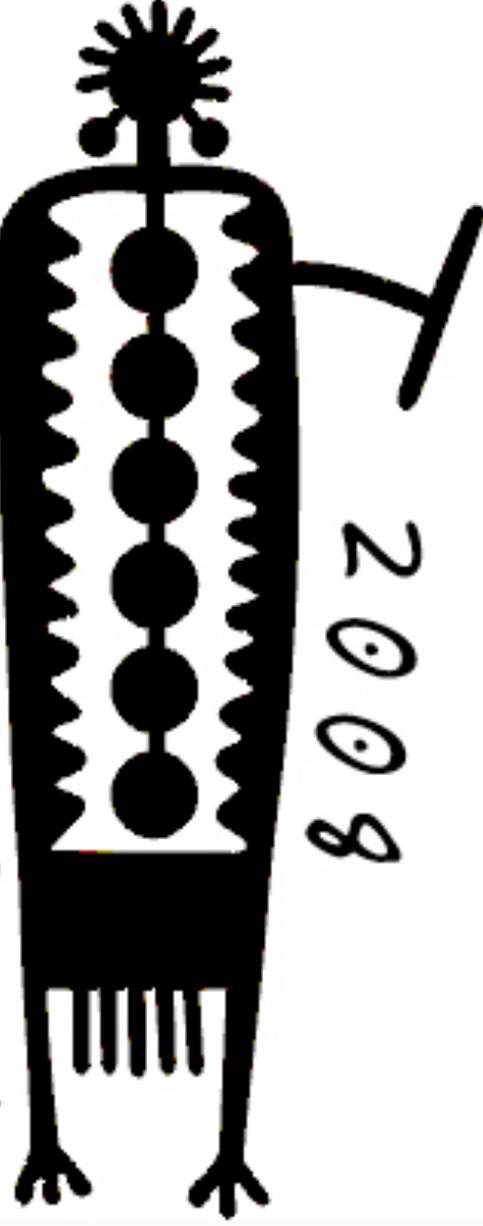




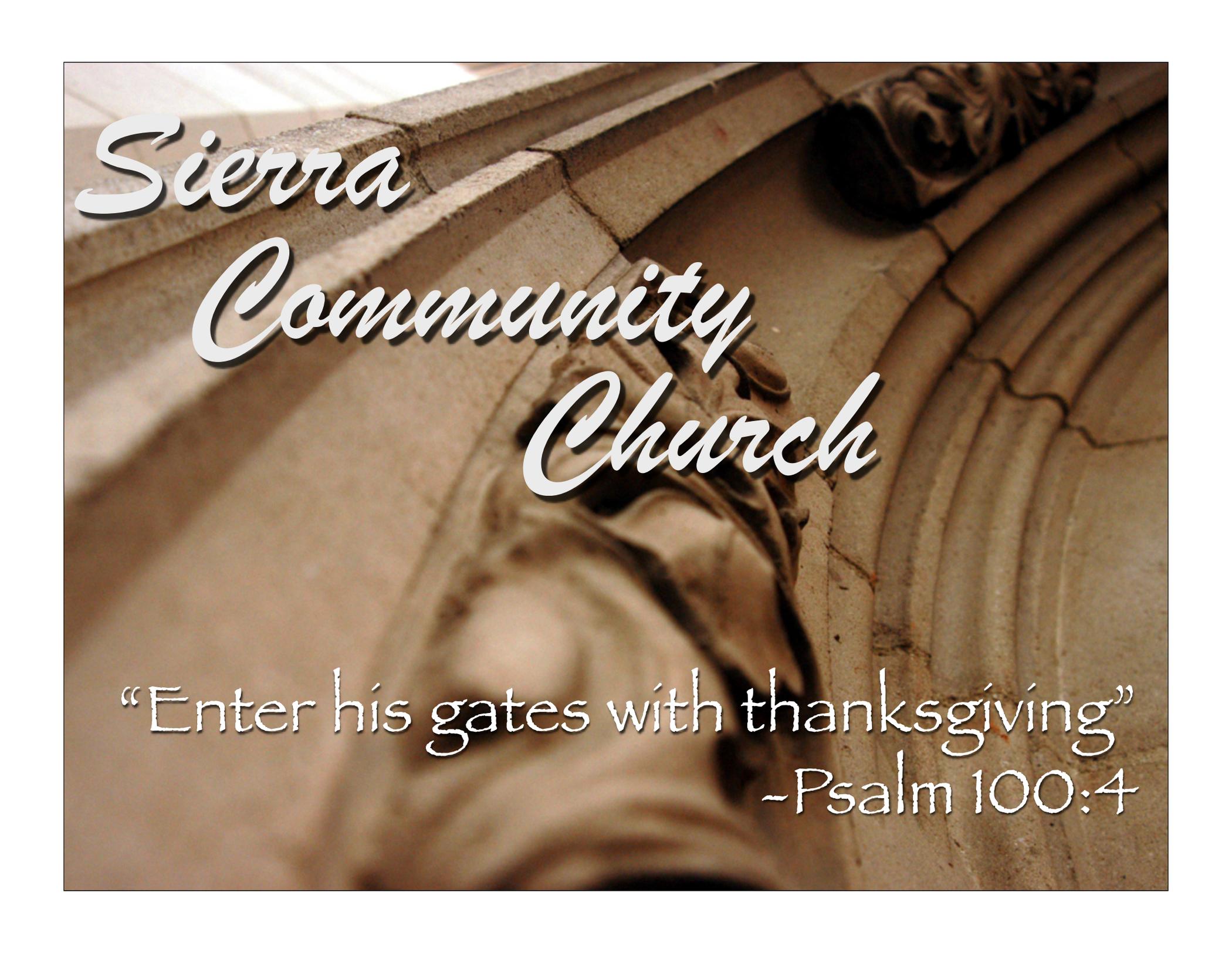




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“Enter his gates with thanksgiving”  
-Psalm 100:4



A Study In  
Colossians

# A WORTHY WALK

# Identity



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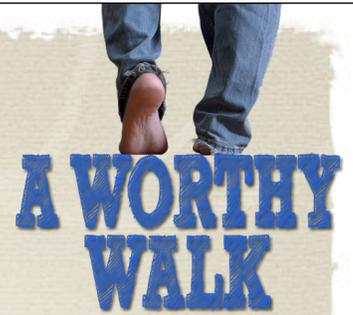


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*Dances With Wolves*

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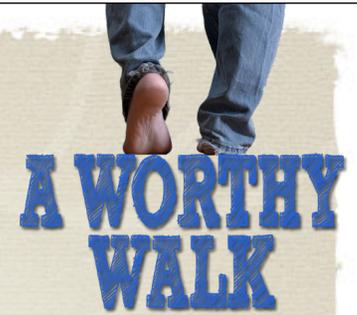


*HOW WE VIEW OURSELVES*

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*Since, then, you have been  
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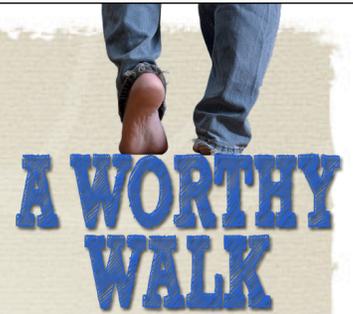
Col. 2:20 we died with Christ

Col. 3:1 You have been raised with Christ

Col. 3:4 We will appear with him

“in Christ” 91 X in NT

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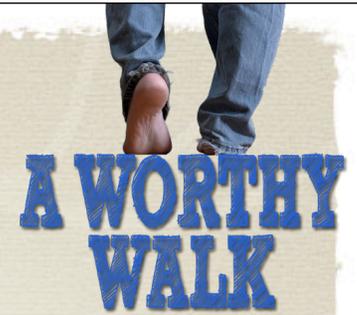


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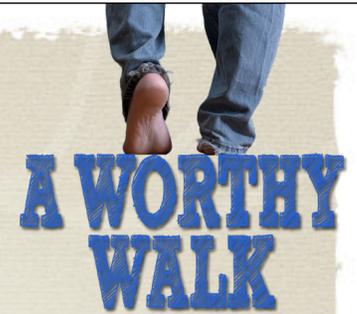


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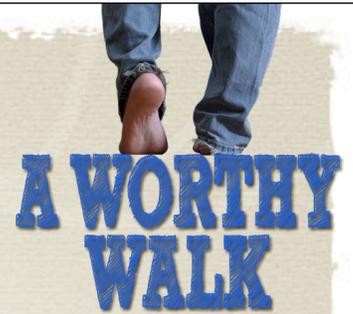
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BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS  
RIGHTEOUSNESS -MATT. 6:33

<sup>19</sup> "DO NOT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES ON EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK IN AND STEAL. <sup>20</sup> BUT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DO NOT DESTROY, AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL. -MATT. 6:19-20

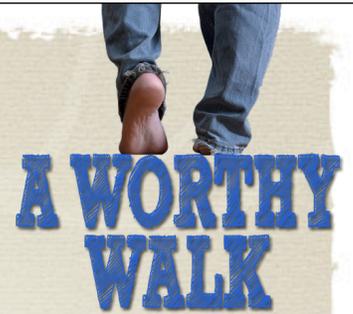
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THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A  
NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW  
HAS COME! -2COR. 5:17

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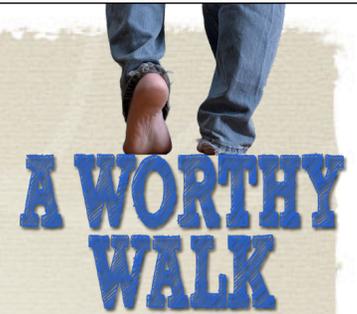
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*Augustine admits he prayed: “Give me chastity, but not yet.”*



*Augustine*

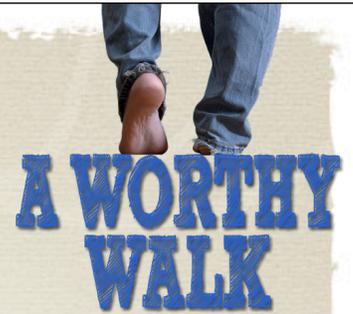
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*“We are far more tolerant of sin polluting our lives than we are of bacteria polluting our drinking water.”\**

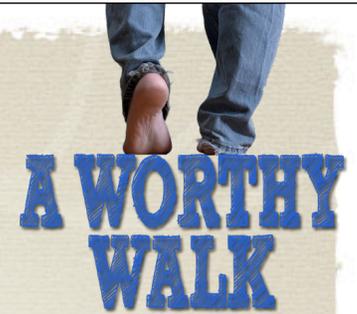
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<sup>28</sup> I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH; NO ONE CAN SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND. <sup>29</sup> MY FATHER, WHO HAS GIVEN THEM TO ME, IS GREATER THAN ALL; NO ONE CAN SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND. -JOHN 10:28-29

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WILL TRANSFORM OUR LOWLY BODIES SO THAT THEY WILL BE LIKE HIS GLORIOUS BODY. -PHIL.3:21

IN A FLASH, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMPET. FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE, AND WE WILL BE CHANGED. -1COR. 15:52

# Virtues & Vice

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How are doing on your New Year's resolutions  
I didn't make any.

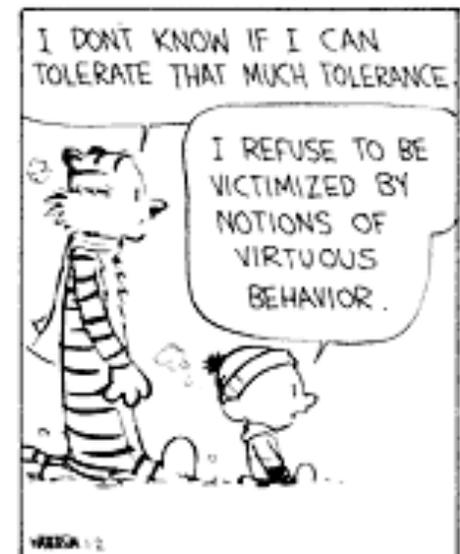


See in order to improve oneself, one must have some idea of what's "good". That implies certain moral values.

BUT AS WE ALL KNOW, VALUES ARE RELATIVE. EVERY SYSTEM OF BELIEF IS EQUALLY VALID AND WE NEED TO TOLERATE DIVERSITY. VIRTUE ISN'T "BETTER" THAN VICE. IT'S JUST DIFFERENT.



But as we all know, values are relative. Every system of belief is equally valid and we need to tolerate diversity. Virtue isn't "better" than vice. It's just different.



I don't know if I can tolerate that much tolerance.  
I refuse to be victimized by notions of virtuous behavior.

# Virtues & Vice

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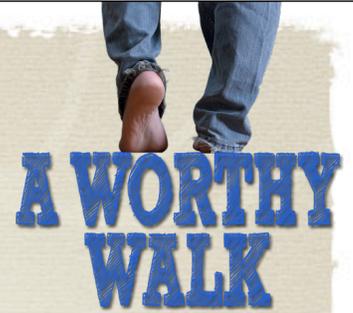
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# Starve



*<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry... <sup>8</sup> But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices -Col. 3:5,8&9*

# Starve



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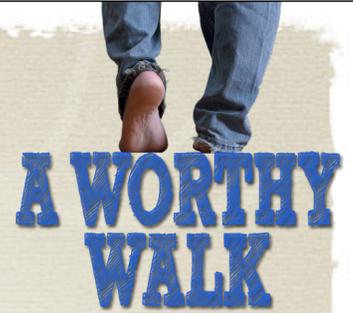
*Put to death / rid yourself* vs. 5,8 & 9

Rom. 13:14

Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

*(NKJV)* But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

# Starve



*Put to death / rid yourself* vs. 5,8 & 9

*sexual immorality* - GK. “porneia”

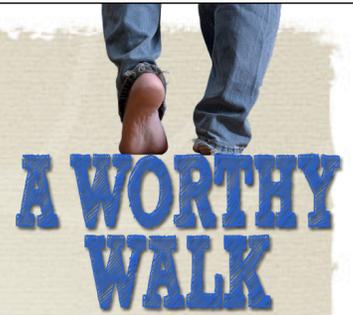
*impurity* - exhibiting crudeness

*lust* - dwelling on sexual passions

*evil desires* - Satisfying a want at the expense of another.

*greed, which is idolatry* - Relentless desire for more.

# Starve



*Put to death / rid yourself* vs. 5,8 & 9

*anger* - Hatred that remains bottled up.

*rage* - Continual uncontrolled behavior

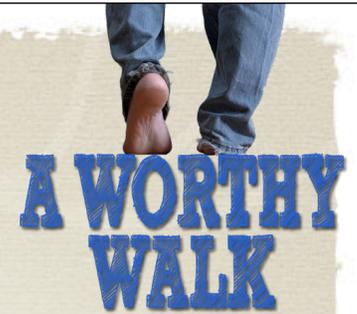
*malice* - Deliberate attempt to harm someone.

*slander* - Destroying another's reputation.

*filthy language* - Using expletives or abrasive words.

*lie* - Any that would destroys Trust

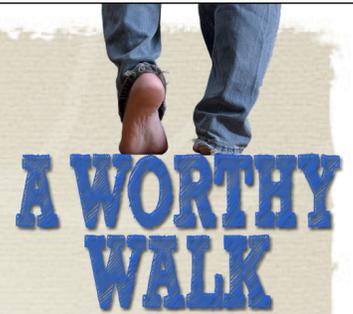
# Wrath



***<sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. -Col. 3:6***

<sup>18</sup> THE WRATH OF GOD IS BEING REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL THE GODLESSNESS AND WICKEDNESS OF MEN WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH BY THEIR WICKEDNESS, <sup>19</sup> SINCE WHAT MAY BE KNOWN ABOUT GOD IS PLAIN TO THEM, BECAUSE GOD HAS MADE IT PLAIN TO THEM. <sup>20</sup> FOR SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD GOD'S INVISIBLE QUALITIES—HIS ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE—HAVE BEEN CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD FROM WHAT HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT MEN ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE. <sup>21</sup> FOR ALTHOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY NEITHER GLORIFIED HIM AS GOD NOR GAVE THANKS TO HIM -ROM. 1:18-21

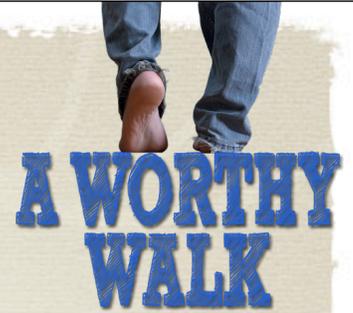
# Former



*You **used** to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. - Col. 3:7*

YOU WERE TAUGHT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR **FORMER** WAY OF LIFE, TO PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES -EPH. 4:22

# Put on

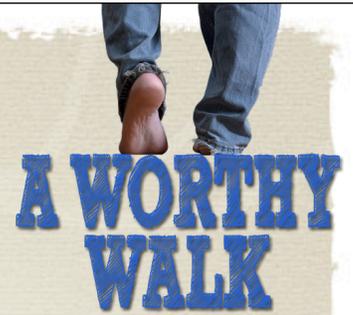


*<sup>10</sup>...put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. -Col. 3:10*

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***PUT:*** verb, bring into a particular state or condition

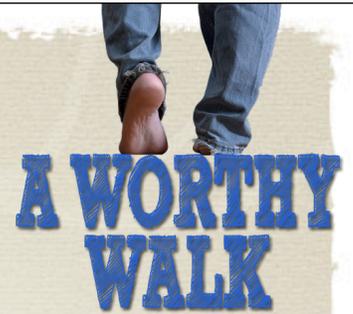
# New Community



***11 Here there is no Greek or Jew,  
circumcised or uncircumcised,  
barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but  
Christ is all, and is in all. -Col. 3:11***

**FOR WE ARE MEMBERS OF  
HIS BODY. - EPH. 5:30**

# Chosen



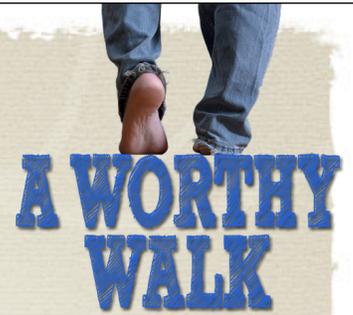
*Therefore, as God's chosen people,  
holy and dearly loved -Col. 3:12*

Chosen: GK. "eklekton"

Holy: Set Apart

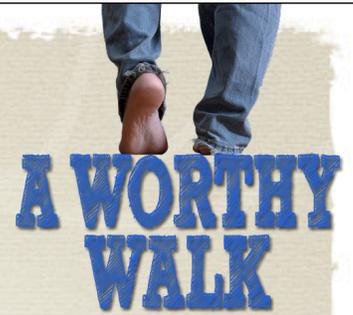
Loved

# Clothe



*<sup>12</sup> clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. -Col. 3:12-15*

# Clothe



compassion - *genuine sensitivity*

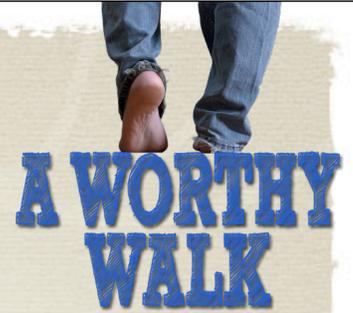
kindness - *benevolence, charity*

humility - *consider others before yourself*

gentleness - *considerate with authority*

patience - *long suffering*

# Clothe



forgive - *forgive as the Lord forgave you*

love - *which binds them all together*

members of one body - *live at peace*

thankful - *quick to give thanks*

# Word live in you



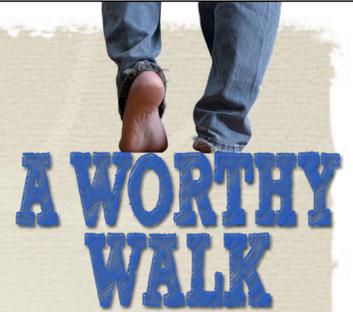
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*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. -Col. 3:16*

**dwell:** reside in permanently

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# In Everything



*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -Col. 3:17*

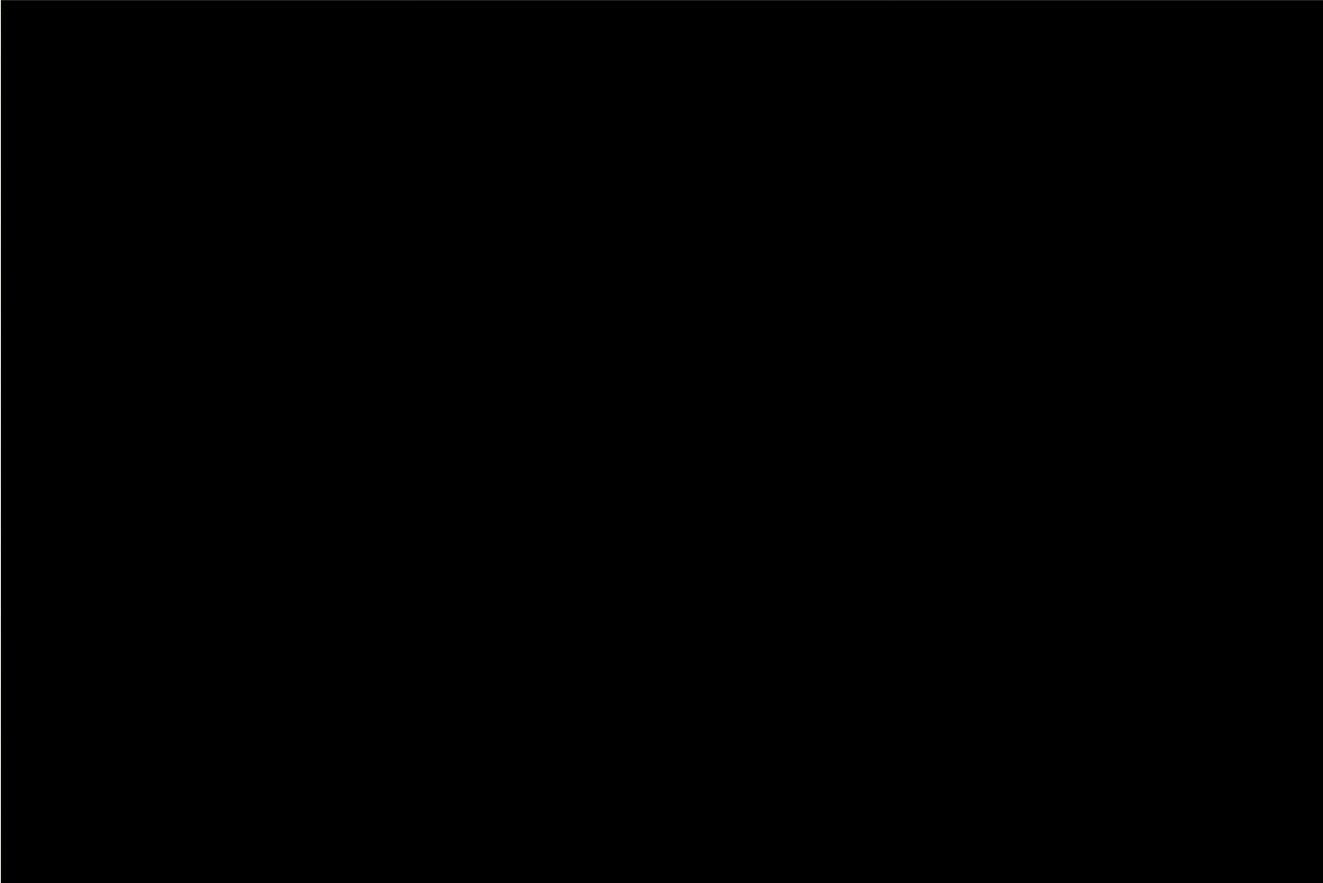
in the name of the Lord...

Represent / Ambassador

EPH. 6:20 2COR. 5:20

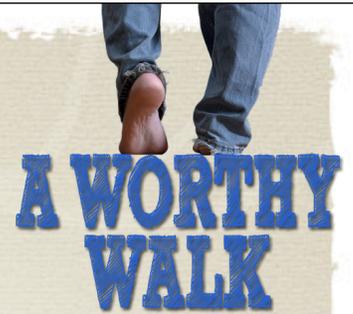


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*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed*

# Closing Questions

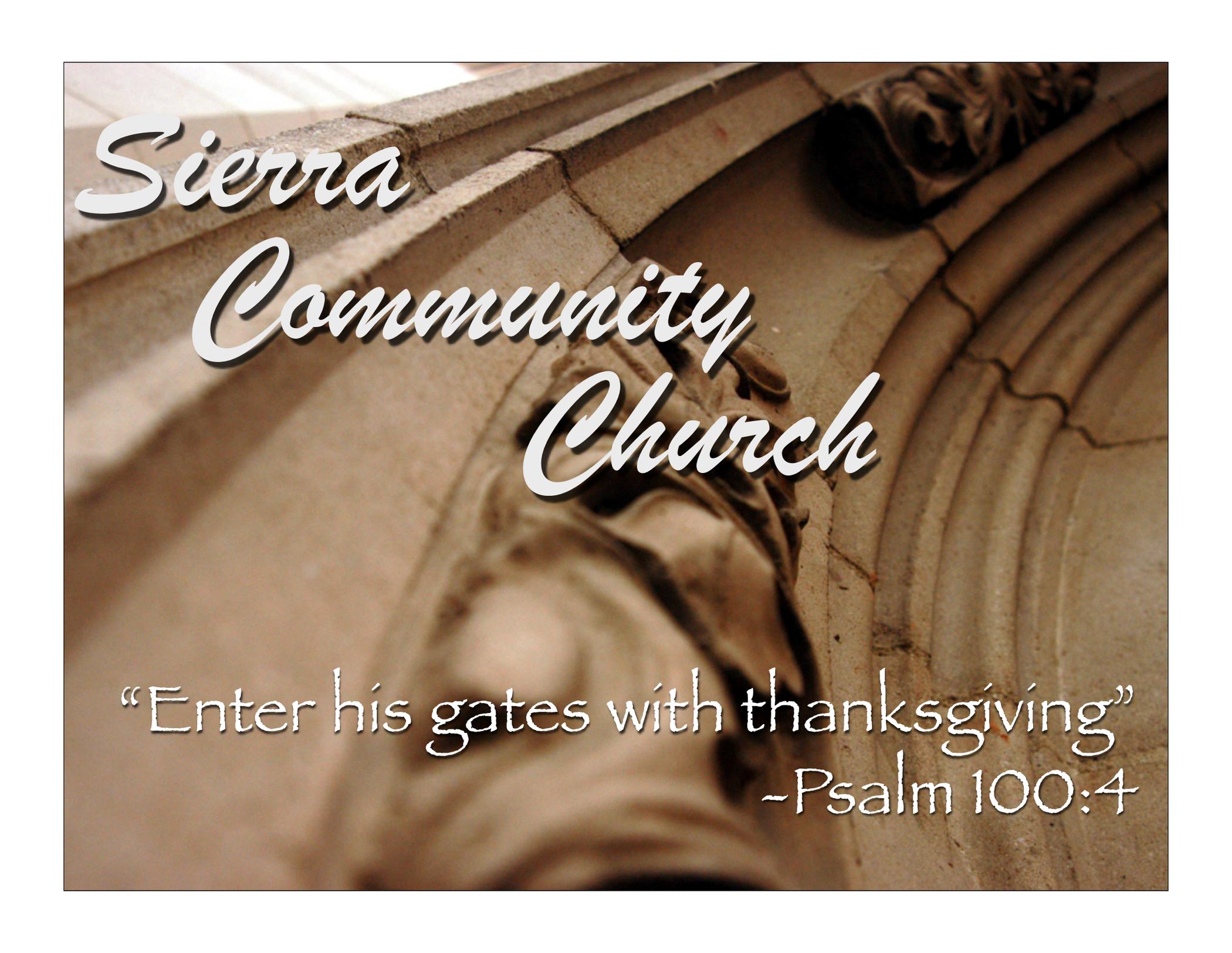


- 1 Is Jesus story my story? DBR
- 2 Make a fearless moral inventory?

2Cor. 13:5 *Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith*

# Closing Commitment

Today - In *everything* I do I will  
represent Jesus well!



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