

## 12-02-2011 WORTHY

The concept of feeling guilty is a powerful force. Overwhelming grief from guilt-trips can trip us up in our faith walk. When it comes to sin, none of us are WORTHY. I'm Ken Trahan & Welcome to Walking in the Word with Williams Blvd. Baptist Church.

When I ponder the word WORTHY, I somehow have the vision of the Saturday Night Live skit "Wayne's World." Wayne & Garth would bow down & chant, "we're not WORTHY, we're not WORTHY!" Of course, we should bow down only to the living God, Jesus Christ, our Lord & Savior.

You are not alone. Clearly, we are not WORTHY! While being convicted of our sins, we are not to feel defeated & isolated. Jesus Christ defeated death & sin for us. He has cleared the path for us to come to Him in repentance to cleanse us & provide a way out of our sin-infested malaise.

In Luke 7:7, Jesus enters Capernaum & finds a centurion whose servant is about to die. The centurion asked Jesus for a healing, Verse 7: "I did not even consider myself WORTHY to come to you. But say the word & my servant will be healed."

Verse 9: "When Jesus heard this, He was amazed, turning to the crowd. He said, 'I tell you, I have not found such great faith in Israel.'" Then, the men who had been sent returned to the house & found the servant well."

Whatever the condition of the centurion, Jesus recognized his honesty & faith. The centurion was not WORTHY but he knew that His faith could move a mountain, in this case, preserve the life of one he cared for. He was rewarded.

Of course, none of us is WORTHY. Jesus provides a way out for us. Choosing a different path will separate you eternally from the Lord. Matthew 10:38 says, "anyone who does not take his cross & follow me is not WORTHY of Me."

Luke 9:62 says that, "no man is fit for kingdom of God." We may not be fit but we will be allowed into the kingdom. The only one WORTHY is Jesus, Revelation 5:12: "WORTHY is the Lamb who was slain to receive power & wealth & wisdom & strength & honor & glory & power." Jesus is the Lamb.

Do you feel like you cannot be reconciled? Go straight to scripture to know you can be. Noah was drunk. Joseph was abused. Moses had a stuttering problem. Gideon was afraid. Sampson was a womanizer. Rahab was a prostitute.

Timothy was too young. David was a murderer. Elijah was suicidal. Isaiah preached naked. Jonah ran from God. Job questioned God. Peter denied Christ three times. The disciples fell asleep while praying. Martha worried. Mary Magdalene was promiscuous. Thomas doubted.

What makes folks with those characteristics WORTHY? Absolutely nothing! Still, there is redemption, Acts 3:19: “Repent, therefore, & be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

It does not matter where you have been. What matters is where you are going. Turn from sin today. Carve a more righteous path. We are not WORTHY but He heals us. You should feel enormous guilt when you sin. You must also understand that you can rise again, thanks to His gift of life, just like He rose again. He is coming again. Then, we will find out who is WORTHY.

Don't ever forget the promise of 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just to forgive us our sins & purify us from all unrighteousness.” Discover the freedom & warmth of being forgiven. Turn from sin, repent, & accept the love of God through forgiveness. Wayne Campbell had it right— “we're not WORTHY, we're not WORTHY.” In Wayne's world, we are not. In God's universal eternity, we can be. Worthy is the Lamb!

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