



Resolution Discussion Guide

We are told in Colossians 1:10 to "live lives worth of the Lord". For many of us, that's a defeatist statement: how can we ever possibly be worthy of God? Others of us read that and decide we must earn our salvation. Our good works can easily be motivated either by fear or obligation. But Colossians reminds us that our salvation is free. That nothing we do can earn OR repay God's favor. We live Christian lives as a response to God's generosity and goodness. We respond out of joy. Nothing more, nothing less!

Scripture for further reading::

Philippians 2:12-15; Eph. 2:8-10; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Titus 2:11-14; 1 John 4:7-21

Questions for Discussion::

1. What does it mean in Colossians to "live lives worthy of the Lord"?
2. How can that phrase become a trap of either fear or obligation? Which is your temptation?
3. What is the role of works/behavior in the Christian life?
4. Looking back over 2011, what is your greatest failure as a follower of Jesus?
5. Looking back over 2011, what is your greatest accomplishment as a follower of Jesus?
6. Thinking ahead on 2012, where would you like to be spiritually one year from today? What can you do to make that happen?

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