

A Report from India: Paul Daniel's Testimony and a Message from God's Word.

Opening remarks from Pastor Alex Lindsay:

Ephesians 4:1-16 – Often, when we talk about “salvation” or “having a personal relationship with Christ,” we talk about what the Lord has done for us...and rightly so, because salvation is of the Lord. Everything must begin with His work in our lives, but after that we must grasp the reality of being enlisted in His army or, as this text puts it, we are called into a vocation to follow and serve the Lord. When we are added into His family and kingdom, we are given a job to do. We may not get paid for it, but it is a serious thing to fulfill our calling as Christians.

Ephesians 4:1 – A Vocation / calling: walk worthy of it. See Ephesians 4:2-3. A worthy walk is about character and attitude rather than skill.

Ephesians 4:7-8 – A Gifting: work willingly. See Ephesians 4:11-12. We may not all be called to become Pastors, evangelists, or missionaries, but everyone who receives Christ as their personal Lord and Savior is given at least one spiritual gift that they are to use to help others.

Ephesians 4:13 – A Goal: watchful and well. See Ephesians 4:14-16. The goal is maturity (i.e. conformity to the image of Christ). The Lord uses us to help each other grow up spiritually. We must watch for false teaching that causes harm. We must edify (“build up”) each other, speaking the truth in love.

Paul Daniel's personal testimony and a report on the spiritual condition in India.

Paul Daniel's message from Scripture: Two “Walks” in Ephesians chapter 4.

Ephesians 4:1 tells us how to walk. Ephesians 4:17 tells us how not to walk. Do not walk as other Gentiles, in the vanity of their mind. In Deuteronomy 6:5 God told Israel to love Him with all their heart, soul and might. When Christ talked about this law He added the word “mind” to the list (Mark 12:28-30). By God's grace, the Old Testament saint could love God with heart, soul, and might, but to love God with the mind requires the “mind of Christ” (I Corinthians 2:16). The truth of Christ was hidden as a mystery in the Old Testament, but it is now revealed to us through the Gospel and by His Spirit (Colossians 1:25 - 2:4; I Corinthians 2:4-16).

- **The mind of Christ takes us to the Cross** (Philippians 2:5-11).
- **The mind of Christ takes us to the cup of fellowship** (Philippians 3:10; Matthew 20:20-23; 26:42; I Corinthians 11:25-26).
- **The mind of Christ takes us to the Battlefield** (I Peter 4:1-2).

Consider Christ the Good Shepherd, who went to the cross (John 10:11).

Consider Christ the Great Shepherd, who guides, cares for and fellowships with us (Hebrews 13:20:21).

Consider Christ the Chief Shepherd, who, after we have served Him on the battlefield, will come again and reward us (I Peter 5:4).