*Wednesday, December 14, 2011*

**Slice of Life**

1Thessalonians 2:11-13 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, (12) That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. (13) For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. (KJV)

Strongs definition for ‘worthy’:

516 axios (ax-ee'-oce); adverb from 514; appropriately: KJV-- as becometh, after a godly sort, worthily (-thy).

So what allows one to be walking in a manner that would be considered worthy of the Lord’s attention? Well, those that receive the word of God firsthand from His mouth to their ears of hearing will find how effective it really is.

Hebrews 4:9-12 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. (10) For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. (11) Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (KJV)

There is a place where God sees us in good standing with Him, and that takes place when we get out of our own ways, and find the only way that leads to eternal life. When you enter into this rest, then you get to hear the rest of the plan of salvation that God intended for you to walk in before the foundation of the world. Because without faith in what His Son has done on our behalf, which means actually walking and not just talking, then it is impossible to please God.

Romans 6:22-23 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (23) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (KJV)

The reality is that you actually have to work your way to hell, and the wages of those works is death. What God provided for His people, and what allows us to be in good standing with Him is a free gift, which is only given to those that are in Christ. So stay in Christ; be that new creation and let all of the old frustrations, doubts, fears and anything else contrary to sound doctrine be cast back into the sea of forgetfulness.