

#### 4:1-6<sup>1</sup>

**1 walk worthy** It matters not the age or the handicap. I think about Chrysostom (347-407),<sup>2</sup> the “golden-mouthed” whose mother was widowed when he was very young, and who was later ordained at the age of 40. He shortly after did much of his preaching in Antioch [presumably Antioch-Pisidia of Acts 13 since this is current day Turkey and he was soon after named patriarch of Constantinople (also in Turkey)]. He was later exiled (in 404) for renouncing the Empress for avarice and idolatry. Furthermore, although he did not know Hebrew, he “taught that there must be no divorce of morals and religion; the Cross and ethics must go hand in hand.”<sup>3</sup> Therefore this man knew that the Gospel of Romans 1-11 would culminate in a Gospel plea to the conduct of the believer in Romans 12:1 as much as the good doctrine of Ephesians 1-3 should drive use to the Gospel plea in this verse.

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<sup>1</sup>See under 1:2, 1:3-6, 1:7-12, 1:13-14, & 1:15-18 as well.

<sup>2</sup>While this man lived in Turkey, Martin of Tours was alive during many of these same years in France (Gaul).

<sup>3</sup> Earle E Carns *Christianity Through the Centuries, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Revised and Expanded* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), 134-135.