



Sunday, January 14, 2018

A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

“Forward in Faith”—let us commit, as a church family, to move **forward in faith**, together, in this new year. This will take moving **forward in faith** in our personal walks with the Lord.

Be willing to take daily steps of faith in **desperate dependency** upon the Lord.

“Our Walk in Communion”

Our walk of faith is a lifestyle which should be a declaration of our communion with God on a daily basis.

I. The INSTITUTION: We are _____—Be Worshipful (v. 23-26)

PAUL COMMANDS US: “ATTRIBUTE THE PROPER WORTH”

A. The _____ of the Supper (v. 23)

B. The _____ of the Supper (v. 24-25)

“in remembrance of Me,” This reminder speaks of a _____ memory.

C. The _____ of the Supper (v. 24-25)

1. The _____ Significance

2. The _____ Significance

Our partaking in the bread and cup of Communion shows the personal significance of Christ’s sacrifice. It is an acceptance of His sacrifice on our behalf as our _____.

a. The crucifixion of our Lord’s body (v. 24)

b. The _____ of our Lord’s blood (v. 25)

D. The _____ of the Supper (v. 26)

II. The IRREVERENCE: We are Cautioned—Be Warned (v. 27, 29-30)

PAUL CAUTIONS US: “ADHERE TO THIS WARNING”

A. The _____ against irreverence (v. 27)

It is important to note that each of us are “*unworthy*” to participate in that we are “*unworthy*” of the mercy and kindness of our Lord. But since we have been washed in the blood of Christ we are commanded to participate in this. Because Christ is “*worthy*,” as we approach “in Christ” ***we then share in His worthiness***—it is ***His*** and not ours.

B. The _____ of irreverence (v. 29-30)

An attitude of reverence leads to a heightened awareness of God's holiness and worthiness as we gaze upon His grace applied to our unworthiness. *A higher view of God with a lower view of self.*

III. The INSPECTION: We are Compelled—Be Wise (v. 28, 31-32)

PAUL COMPELS US: "APPLY THIS WISDOM"

A. There is an _____ (v. 28)

This "examination" is a _____ of the heart for worship.

Psalm 139:23-24 Search [*examine intimately*] me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: ²⁴ And see if *there be any wicked [idolitous]* way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

B. There will be an _____ (v. 31-32)

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.

We will be inspected. Self-examination or Spirit-examination. Either we invite the Spirit of God to examine our lives or He will examine our lives and discipline us accordingly.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.



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What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: to Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!