



Sunday, March 25, 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)

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**“Christ’s Walk of Obedience” (Review)**

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In last Sunday’s message we considered Christ’s walk of obedience from Philippians 2:5-11. Christ, Himself, willingly set forth a pattern for us to follow which was His *submission* to the Father and His *loving sacrifice* for His creation.

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**“Our Walk of Obedience”**

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**I. Introduction**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus set forth a profound series of contrasts as He described His “upside-down” kingdom—His counter-cultural kingdom that specifically challenges religion.

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**2 Corinthians 13:5** Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that **Jesus Christ** is in you, except ye be reprobates?

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**2 Peter 1:10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

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II. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_—Two Different Ways (Matthew 7:13-14)

Note: True faith is \_\_\_\_\_ as it calls for a denial of self.

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This “*broad way*” is marked by self-pursuit, by temporary self-gratification as it **tolerates sin**. It is the way that feels good yet as it **promises happiness** it **ends in discontentment**, in this world, and **destruction** and in eternity.

**John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, “I AM the **Way**, the **Truth**, and the **Life**: no man cometh unto the **Father**, but by **Me**.

**Acts 4:12** “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

This way is costly. It calls for us to deal with our sinful flesh as we seek to live a life of obedience.

Cf. Romans 6:6 & 12

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In contrast to a life of discontentment, the “*narrow way*” is marked by joyful contentment as we learn to find our joy in the Lord.

**Point of Examination:** Consider your spiritual path. Is it marked by pursuing the denial of your self or the feeding of your flesh? Is it marked by discontentment or joyful contentment?

III. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_—Two Kinds of Fruits (Matthew 7:15-20)

Note: True faith \_\_\_\_\_—it bears Godly fruit.

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As we consider the lives of these false teachers, it should bring us to the point of self-examination. **What kind of fruit is being borne in our own lives?**

**Galatians 6:8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the **Spirit** shall of the **Spirit** reap life everlasting.

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**Point of Examination:** Consider the fruit of your spiritual leaders. Does their message line up with Scripture?

Consider the fruit of your spiritual life. Compare it with God’s definition of the Fruit of the Spirit.

**IV. Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_—Two Professions of Faith (Matthew 7:21-23)**

**Note:** True faith is acceptable to God—it is proved genuine by \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Luke 6:46** And why call ye Me, “Lord, Lord,” and do not the things which I say?

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**Point of Examination:** Consider your profession of faith. Are you proving its genuineness by your pursuing God’s will based upon His Word?

**Question:** What will God say about your faith? The test is not we say but in what we do. Genuine faith is displayed in Christ-honoring action (submission to God and loving sacrifice toward others).

**V. Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_—Two Foundations (Matthew 7:24-27)**

**Note:** True faith will last—it endures the trials of life.

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The “house” represent a religious life while the “rain” represents the storms of life and ultimate divine judgment.

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**Point of Examination:** Consider your spiritual house of faith. Is its foundation the stabilizing truths of God’s Word?

**Point of Obedience:** Be a hearer and a doer of God’s Word (James 1:22-25)

As you open the Word, cry out to the Lord, “*show me what You want me to know about You!*” James tells us, “*if you want to be a doer of the Word, and not just a hearer, you must diligently look into the perfect Law of liberty.*”

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