



Sunday, March 18, 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)

“Our Walk as Servants”--Review

In the last message, “*Our Walk as Servants*,” we considered our role in serving God as we serve others. We noted that our serving others is to be ruled by the law of love.

Galatians 5:13b-14 ...but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

We noted that we honor God as we serve Him with an *attitude of submission* as we serve others in *loving sacrifice*. This is exactly what Christ, Himself, willingly set forth as a pattern for us to follow which we will see in *His walk of obedience* from Philippians 2:5-11.

“Christ’s Walk of Obedience”

I. Introduction—Christ’s _____ (1 Peter 2:21)

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ** also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow **His** steps:

John 13:15 For I have given you an example [*a pattern to be imitated*], that ye should do as I have done to you.

II. The _____ of His Walk (v. 5-6)

The Word of God commands us to have the mind of Christ. “*Let this thinking be in you!*” Christ Jesus is our model Who did not think of Himself in His obedience to the Father. In His love for the Father and His creation, He surrendered His will, as He conformed His will to the will of the Father.

Matthew 11:29 Take **My** yoke upon you, and learn of **Me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Cf. Romans 12:3 & 16

“It is not that you think low of yourself, it is that you don’t even think of yourself.”

III. The _____ of His Walk (v. 6-8)

A. His _____ (v. 6-7)

We see Christ’s submission with regards to His *outward expression* as God the Son being **exchanged** for an *outward expression* as a servant.

1. His expression as the _____ (v. 6)

Matthew 17:2 And was transfigured before them: and **His** face did shine as the sun, and **His** raiment was white as the light.

“...*thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*” – Christ’s equality with God was not something that He held onto so _____ that He didn’t allow Himself to become a man.

2. His expression as a _____ (v. 7)

“*made Himself of no reputation*” literally means, He *emptied* Himself.

Note: Christ did not empty Himself of being _____.

2 Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, that, though **He** was rich, yet for your sakes **He** became poor, that ye through **His** poverty might be rich.

Rand Hummel – Christ left all to become nothing. We are nothing (but think we are something) and are not willing to lay aside our nothingness for others!

Q: What are you unwilling to give up in order to be obedient to Christ and His Word?

B. His _____ (v. 8)

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He [*the Father*] hath made Him [*Jesus*] to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

The awe and wonder of this Gift of God is that through the death of Christ, **He was seen by God just as we are so that we could be seen by God just as He is.**

IV. The _____ of His Walk (v. 9-11)

Because of Christ’s act of voluntary and supreme humility God, the Father exalted Him.

Matthew 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

It is important to point out the simple truth stated here: “ALL creation will bow before Christ Jesus. All creation will confess Him to be Lord of all.” The timing of this is important. If a soul bows in humble worship and calls upon Christ to be his Lord in this life, he will spend eternity with Christ in heaven. **Humility on earth leads to exaltation in heaven.**

If a soul waits and refuses to bow while here on earth, he will bow as he kneels in judgment before the Righteous and Just God, Who will have given a lifetime of grace, yet now must receive the earthly desire of this soul as He assures him into eternal damnation. **Self-exaltation on earth leads to eternal humbling in hell.**

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

 <p>PINE ISLAND BIBLE CHURCH</p>	9 Little Brooklyn Rd, Warwick, NY 10990
pastor@PIBCNY.com / www.PIBCNY.com / John Lashuay, Pastor	

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!*