



Sunday, April 1, 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 in Knowledge”

Question: “What really matters in life?”

At the end of the day, what really matters to people are the things that we value most. Most people value, to some degree, the pursuit of goodness in order to gain heaven. This is called religion.

I. Paul’s — _____ to His Former Prize (Philippians 3:7-8)

A. What he counted as *loss*—his — _____ (v. 7)

“But what things were gain to me,...” – Prior to meeting Jesus, Paul considered his religious achievements to be most advantageous. This is what he prized as he thought that this earned him favor with God.

“...those I counted loss for Christ.” – When he looked inward he found himself lacking.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

B. What he counted as *gain*—his — _____ (v. 8)

“...for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:...” – This “*excellency*” speaks of surpassing worth or greatness.

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know **Thee** the only true **God**, and **Jesus Christ, Whom Thou** hast sent.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus saith the LORD, “Let not the wise *man* glory [*boast*] in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches: **24** But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth **Me**, that **I am** the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight,” saith the LORD.

II. Paul’s — _____ in His Faith-filled Prize (Philippians 3:9-11)

A. Paul was resting in a *saving* truth (v. 9)

1. Being “in Him” *not* according to — _____-Righteousness

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

2. Being “in Him” according to — _____-Righteousness

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of **God**: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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

When we are “*found in Him*” God looks upon us and see His Son’s righteousness.

B. Paul was reaching for a — _____ truth (v. 10)

Being “in Christ” is my *position* and being “as Christ” is my *purpose*.

The more I know Christ the more I will be transformed by that knowledge. The more I am transformed the more I will die to self.

A. Knowing Him results in a — _____ exercise of faith

Truly knowing the transforming “*power of His resurrection*” will lead to powerful, courageous confidence.

1. Ex. Peter before the cross— _____ (John 18:15-17)
2. Ex. Peter after the cross— _____ (Acts 4:6-12)


B. Knowing Him results in a — _____ exercise of faith

Hebrews 4:15-16 For we have not an **High Priest** which cannot be touched [to sympathize] with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

C. Knowing Him results in a — _____ exercise of faith

1Co 15:55-58 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? **56** The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. **57** But thanks *be* to **God**, which giveth us the victory through our **Lord Jesus Christ**. **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the **Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the **Lord**.

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.*)



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