



Sunday, September 30, 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)

I. The WEALTH of the Believer (1:1-3:21)

A. Introduction (1:1-2)

B. The Christian and His RICHES (1:3-23)

Here in chapter 1 Paul focuses on the *Christian and his riches* which is divided into 2 main parts. In the first half of the chapter we see Paul’s outburst of *PRAISE TO GOD* followed by his *PRAYER TO GOD* in the second half.

1. Paul’s _____ of God (1:3-14)

a. The _____ of the Father (3-6)

[?] How can we live a life of worship when live with a limited view of God which is defined by our own experiences instead of on what God says about Himself?

- i. His _____ —Our Praising (3)
a) _____ —“*Blessed be God the Father*”
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Consider how Peter *eulogizes* the Father (1 Peter 1:3-5).

Consider David’s eulogy (Psalm 103:1-2).

- b) _____ —“*spiritual blessings*”
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The phrase, “*blessed us with all spiritual blessings*” speaks of what God has done for His children. These “*spiritual blessings*” are not a reference to what has been given but FROM WHOM they have been given. The *Source* is the Holy Spirit.

- c) _____ —“*in Christ*”
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The ultimate purpose for our salvation is the _____ of God.

- ii. His _____ —Our Privilege (4a)
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Deuteronomy 7:7-8 The **LORD** did not set **His** love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people: **8** But because the **LORD** loved you, and because **He** would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the **LORD** brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

John 6:37 All that the **Father** giveth **Me** shall come to **Me**; and him that cometh to **Me** I will in no wise cast out.

Cf. 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9

Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of **God**! how unsearchable [*unfathomable*] are **His** judgments, and **His** ways past finding out!

iii. His _____—Our Perfection (4b)

“In the Bible, election is always *unto* something. It is a privilege that carries a great responsibility.”—Warren Wiersbe

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen **Me**, but **I** have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the **Father** in **My** name, **He** may give it you.

iv. His _____—Our Predestination (5)

Galatians 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of **God** through **Christ**.

v. His _____—Our Pursuit (6)

“To the praise of the glory of His grace, ...” – The ultimate purpose of the Father choosing us is for His glory. Our praise of the Father is based upon Who He is and what He does.

We have been *highly favored* “*in the Beloved*”—the One beloved of the Father. Since we are “*in Christ*” we are accepted, by the Father, just as He loves and accepts His Son.



Our WORTHY WALK is one of understanding and living in the SUPREMACY of the FATHER. It is pursuing a life of praising God for Who He is and what He has done in showing us undeserved favor. The Father is truly great and greatly to be praised for He has “*blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*”

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

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!