



Sunday, October 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)

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

**A. Introduction (1:1-2)**

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

**1. Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ of God (1:3-14)**

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**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?**

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**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 86:5; 145:3).

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b) \_\_\_\_\_—"spiritual blessings"

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The word, "*spiritual*" directs our attention to the Giver of these "*blessings*"—the Holy Spirit. These "*blessings*" are those things that are of a heavenly value.

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 29:29** The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

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**Psalm 145:17** The LORD *is* righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works.

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Cf. 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 22:17

**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)

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We were saved into Christ so that we would live a life becoming like Christ and one day we will be like Him.

**1 John 3:2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

iv. His \_\_\_\_\_—Our Predestination (5)

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We were elected to salvation through regeneration—the new birth. And we were given the legal position as an adult son—an heir with the privilege of enjoying the inheritance.

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

Paul, speaking to the saints at Rome speaks additionally of this goal was to restore the image of Christ in us which we had lost because of sin (Romans 8:28-29).

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v. His \_\_\_\_\_—Our Pursuit (6)

**“To the praise of the glory of His grace, ...”** – The ultimate purpose of the Father’s election and predestination for His glory. We have been chosen in Christ to be restored as IMAGE-BEARERS OF GOD being conformed to Christlikeness.

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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.

**John 15:12** This is **My** commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.



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!