



Sunday, November 11, 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 PRAISE of God (1:3-14)

In this section we see Paul’s hymn of praise with three stanzas each ending with a refrain regarding the glory of God.

2. Paul’s PRAYER to God (1:15-23)

Paul’s *prayer* is in light of his *praise*. The “*spiritual blessings*” contained in his hymn of praise are of such transcendent truths that he feels the need to pray for the recipients of these blessings. He prays for their understanding—that they would be able to comprehend what they have in Christ.

a. The _____ of His Prayer (15-16)

The attitude of Paul’s prayer was a heart of gratitude and love for these saints.

He understood the necessity of prayer and its effectiveness.

- i. Their **VERTICAL** Relationship—_____
 - ii. Their **HORIZONTAL** Relationships—_____
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b. The _____ of His Prayer—**ILLUMINATION**

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face [*unobstructed view*] beholding as in a glass [*a mirror*] the glory of the **Lord**, are changed [*metamorphosis*] into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the **Spirit** of the **Lord**.

- i. The _____ of Illumination—God opens the eyes (**Matthew 16:13-17**)

Matthew 16:16-17 And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou** art the **Christ**, the **Son** of the living **God**. **17** And **Jesus** answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but **My Father** which is in heaven.

- ii. The _____ for Illumination—“*Open Thou mine eyes*”

Psalms 119:18 Open **Thou** mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of **Thy** law.

Ephesians 3:14-15, 18 For this cause I bow my knees [*in prayer*] unto the **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, **15** Of **Whom** the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **18** May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

iii. The _____ of Illumination—**SEARCH DILIGENTLY** (Proverbs 2)

a) The _____ (1-4)

1. Be _____ (1)

Proverbs 2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive My words, and hide [*treasure*] My commandments with thee;

2. Be _____ (2-3)

Proverbs 2:2-3 So that thou incline thine ear unto **Wisdom**, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; **3** Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;

3. Be _____ (4)

Proverbs 2:4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;

b) The _____ (5-9)



Our WORTHY WALK is the process of understanding the Holy Spirit's ministry of ILLUMINATION that enables us to "*behold wondrous things*" from God's most precious Word. Through ILLUMINATION we better understand the PERSON of Christ, our PORTION in Him as well as His POWER.

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!