



Sunday, October 28, 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)

- a. The SUPREMACY of the FATHER (3-6)
- b. Our SALVATION through the SON (7-12)
 - i. Our SINFUL CONDITION
 - ii. Our SAVIOR’S PROVISION (Romans 6:23b)
 - iii. Our SAVIOR’S _____ (9-11)
 - a) The _____ He PURPOSED (9)

This “*mystery*” is something that is previously _____—something that was not understood until being revealed. This “*mystery*” pertains to “*riches of [God’s] grace*” as it is displayed in our “*redemption*” that we have in Christ.

b) Our _____ He PLANNED (10)

At the “*fullness of times*,” meaning the appropriate time that God has appointed, God will bring to fruition His “*dispensation*” or His plan.

Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore **God** also hath highly exalted **Him**, and given **Him** a name which is above every name: **10** That at the name of **Jesus** every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; **11** And *that* every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of **God** the **Father**.

Paul uses a similar phrase in Galatians 4:4-5.

Notice that Paul speaks of “*all things*” which is neuter in gender. Thus, Paul refers to “*all things*” being brought into harmony once again in Christ. Everything that sin had disfigured will be made whole. All disorder will be put in order restoring God’s creation to its intended place.

Colossians 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of **His** cross, by **Him** to reconcile all things unto **Himself**; by **Him**, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

c) Our _____ He PREDESTINED (11)

As joint heirs with Christ (**Romans 8:16-17**) being the recipients of “*spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ*.”

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

Notice the _____ of our inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-4).

God, the great initiator, seeks us out to bestow His favor upon us. He purposes that we would be *“holy and without blame before Him”* (Ephesians 1:4);

iv. Our **SAVIOR’S** _____ (12)

Here is the ultimate reason for our Saviors provision and plan for this is what we were created for.

Revelation 4:11 **Thou** art worthy, O **Lord**, to receive glory and honour and power: for **Thou** hast created all things, and for **Thy** pleasure they are and were created.

Cf. Ephesians 2:1-3; 4-7

Isaiah 43:21 This people have I formed for **Myself**; they shall shew forth **My** praise.



Isn’t He worthy of our praise? And isn’t He worthy of each of us pursuing lives that brings Him praise?



Our **WORTHY WALK** is the process of understanding the magnitude of the **SON’S** provision of **SALVATION** in light of our sinful condition. This produces a lifestyle of praise, rejoicing in the present reality of our redemption which is in Christ Jesus our Savior *“after the counsel of His own will, according to His good pleasure.”*

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!