



Sunday, December 2, 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)
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 PASSION of His Prayer (15-16)
- b. The PURPOSE of His Prayer—ILLUMINATION (17-18a)
- c. The PETITION of His Prayer (17-23)

Paul’s prayer was marked by what this divine illumination would produce. This illumination is to the knowledge of specific transforming truths. As a result, of this knowledge would be practically manifested in the life of the obedient believer by being transformed.

- i. KNOWING the PERSON of Christ (17b)
- ii. KNOWING our POSITION in Christ (18)

iii. **KNOWING** the **POWER** of Christ (19-20)

a) The **DESCRIPTION** of this power (19)

1. Its **DIMENSIONS** (19a)

2. It is **DIRECTED** (19b)

1 John 4:4 Ye are of **God**, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is **He** that is in you, than he that is in the world.

3. It is **DYNAMIC** [*vigorously active*] (19c)

John 15:5 **I AM** the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in **Me**, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without **Me** ye can do nothing.

Philippians 2:13 For it is **God** which worketh in you both to will [*desire*] and [*the power*] to do of *His* good pleasure [*perfect will*].

Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the **Lord**, and in the power [*boundless resources*] of **His** might. **11** Put on the whole armour of **God**, ...

b) The **DEMONSTRATION** of this power (20)

2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of **God**, and of **Jesus** our **Lord**,

1. Manifested in His **RESURRECTION** (20a)

Romans 6:8-11 Now if we be dead with **Christ**, we believe that we shall also live with **Him**: **9** Knowing that **Christ** being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over **Him**. **10** ... **11** Likewise reckon [*consider it to be true for you*] ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto **God** through **Jesus Christ** our **Lord**.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 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**.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for **He** *is* faithful that promised;)

This resurrection “*power*” is the same that dwells in the believer (Romans 8:11).

Our prayer should be similar to Paul’s in Philippians 3:9-10.

2. Manifested in His EXALTATION (20b)

Matthew 26:64 **Jesus** saith unto him, “Thou hast [*it is as you*] said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the **Son of Man** sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.”

As we gain a greater hold upon this truth it should transform us with God’s grace and peace.



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 **POSITION** in Him as well as His **POWER** and **PREEMINENCE**.

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!