



Sunday, January 27, 2019

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

B. The Christian and His RECONCILIATION (2:1-22)

1. God brings about a **SAVING UNION** (1-10)
2. God brings about a **SANCTIFYING UNITY** (11-22)

Our reconciliation to God is to bring about unity with *others*. God reconciles the Jews with the Gentiles bringing about a *sanctifying unity*—a unity that is set apart from sin for God’s glory, displayed in our relationships with others. Paul reminds the Gentile believer about his *past position* to help him appreciate the *peace* he has because of the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Whereas he was separated from God, he is now reconciled to God where he enjoys fellowship both with God and others.

a. The Christian’s PAST POSITION—SEPARATED (11-13)

- i. You were **SOCIALLY** Separated (11)
- ii. You were **SPIRITUALLY** Separated (12)
- iii. You are **SACRIFICIALLY SAVED** (13)

b. The Christian's **PRESENT PEACE—RECONCILED** (13-17)

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention [*strife*]: but with the well advised *is Wisdom*.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, **My** peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

i. Our **HARMONY** is **CHRIST** (13-14a)

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in **Me** ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

a) Christ is our **PEACE** with **GOD**

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by **His** blood, we shall be saved from wrath through **Him**.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified [*declared righteous*] by faith, we have peace with **God** through our **Lord Jesus Christ**:

1 Timothy 2:5 For *there is* one **God**, and one mediator between **God** and men, the man **Christ Jesus**;

b) Christ is our **PEACE** with **OTHERS**

Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but **Christ** *is* all, and in all.

ii. Our HOSTILITY of the COMMANDMENTS (14b-15a)

“...even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; ...” (Eph. 2:15) – This is clearly revealed in Acts 10 when God appeared to Peter in a vision (v. 10) showing him all kinds of unclean animals and that he was to “kill, and eat” (v. 13).

Acts 10:15 And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, “What **God** hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.”

A good example is Paul. In Philippians 3:4-9 he spells out his resumé as a Hebrew of Hebrews. But when he came to a saving knowledge of Christ, “*what things were [previously] gain to me, those [things] I counted loss for Christ*” (v.7).

NOTE: The hostility between warring parties is based upon their value system. Once there is a change in which both parties value the same thing, they will share a reconciled relationship of peace.

iii. Our HARMONY because of the CROSS (15b-17)

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation [*behave as a citizen of heaven*] be as it becometh [*worthy*] the Gospel of **Christ**: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel;



Our WORTHY WALK contains an honest understanding of our RECONCILIATION to *others*. The Christian’s present relationship is now characterized by PEACE. The past relationship of SEPARATION, rebellion and enmity has been replaced with RECONCILIATION and peace with God and therefore this new relationship should be DISPLAYED in our reconciled relationships with others.

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!