



Sunday, December 30, 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. 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)

God reconciles the sinner to Himself bringing about a *saving union*. Paul reminds the believer about his *past* to help him appreciate what he has in the *present* so that he will seek to be more effective in pursuing his *purpose* of walking in *“good works.”*

a. The Christian’s PAST PROBLEM—SIN (1-3)

b. The Christian’s PRESENT—SALVATION (4-6)

Our *present* is a glorious picture of God’s love, mercy and grace by displaying His love in saving us, mercifully resurrecting us from being *“dead in trespasses and sin”* and by exalting us in grace, making *“us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”*

c. The Christian's **PURPOSE**—**SERVING** (7-10)

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of **God**.

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the **Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to **God** and the **Father** by **Him**.

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.

Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the **Lord**, and not unto men;

i. He is to be a **WITNESS** of **GOD'S WORTHINESS** (7)

“...He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace ...” – God desires to “*show*” or display for all of eternity “*the exceeding riches of His grace*” through the lives of those He saves.

This “*grace*” or in Greek, “*charis*” is simply defined is unmerited, unearned and undeserved favor.

This “*kindness*” was displayed most clearly on the cross in the provision for our salvation by paying penalty for our sin.

Titus 3:4-6 But after that the kindness and love of **God** our **Saviour** toward man appeared, **5** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to **His** mercy **He** saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the **Holy Ghost**; **6** Which **He** shed on us abundantly through **Jesus Christ** our **Saviour**;

God desires the recipients of His grace to bear **WITNESS** of **GOD'S WORTHINESS**—His worth. **Live as a TROPHY** of **God's IMMEASURABLE GRACE**.

ii. He is RESTING in GOD'S WORK (8-9)

"*faith*" is a firm persuasion; a belief in truth.

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

Romans 3:24 Being justified [*declared righteous*] freely [*without merit*] by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Justification – the believing sinner is "declared righteous" solely on the merits of Christ's righteousness.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified [*declared righteous*] by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Romans 4:2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but NOT before God.

God desires the objects of His grace REST in HIS WORK. Live in TRANQUILITY because of God's IMPECCABLE (perfect) GIFT.



Our WORTHY WALK contains an honest understanding of our RECONCILIATION to God. We were spiritually "*dead in our trespasses and sins*" and now have spiritual life being saved "*by grace through faith*" in the finished work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. Live as a TROPHY of God's IMMEASURABLE GRACE, living in TRANQUILITY because of God's IMPECCABLE GIFT.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.



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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!