



Sunday, February 3, 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)

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

The Christian’s *past* was darkened by hopelessness, without God. They were SEPARATED both socially and spiritually, *“BUT NOW in Christ Jesus ye are made nigh by the blood of Christ.”* Through Christ’s perfect SACRIFICE they have been SAVED.

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

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.

c. The Christian's **PRACTICE—UNIFIED COMMUNITY** (18-22)

i. Our **UNITY** of **FELLOWSHIP** in **PRAYER** (18)

Prayer leads the way to ministry. Through prayer we surrender our will and way. We surrender our kingdom and glory. Through submission we bring our kingdom and will and place it under the preeminence of Christ. Prayerful submission leads the way for Christ's kingdom to be advanced and His will to be accomplished.

ii. Our **IDENTITY** as the **FAMILY** of **GOD** (19)

Philippians 3:20-21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the **Saviour**, the **Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who** shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto **His** glorious body, according to the working whereby **He** is able even to subdue all things unto **Himself**.

Being part of the "*household of God*" brings with it the "*spiritual blessings in heavenly places*" that we find in Eph 1:3-14.

iii. Our **STABILITY** in our **FOUNDATION** (20)

1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively [*living*] stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to **God** by **Jesus Christ**.

The stability of the church is based upon their faithfulness to the Word (Acts 2:42).

1 Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Sion a chief **Corner Stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on **Him** shall not be confounded [*put to shame*]."

iv. Our **MINISTRY** through our **FRAMEWORK** (21-22)

The Ministry in a Unified Community—The emphasis here is the ministry of “*together[ness]*” that is firmly founded in God’s Word. God dwelling in and working through His unified people working together for His glory. The Jew and Gentile working together to advance Christ’s kingdom—a greater purpose than themselves.

a) His **PREEMINENCE** is our **IDENTITY** (21)

We are to be identified as a **community of worship** where **He is preeminent**. We worship God in the way that we live our lives. His preeminence is our identity.

b) His **PRESENCE** is our **IDENTITY** (22)

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of **God**, and *that* the **Spirit of God** dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the **Holy Ghost** *which is* in you, which ye have of **God**, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify **God** in your body [*physical worship – actions / words*], and in your spirit [*attitudes*], which are **God’s**.

We are image-bearers and therefore our words and action reflect the One Who’s name we bear.

We are to be identified as the **community of God** where **He is present**. The place where he dwells. His presence is our identity.



Our **WORTHY WALK** contains an honest understanding of our **RECONCILIATION** to *others*. The Christian’s **PRACTICE** is to be marked by a **UNIFIED COMMUNITY** where we enjoy **UNITY of FELLOWSHIP** in prayer, an **IDENTITY** as the **FAMILY of God**, **STABILITY** because of a **BIBLICAL FOUNDATION**, and the **MINISTRY** of our **FRAMEWORK** bringing glory to God.

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.*)



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Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!