



Sunday, February 10, 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)

C. The Christian and His REVELATION (3:1-21)

Paul continues in ch. 3 with the topic of *revelation*—God’s revealed truths. This chapter can be summed up as a prayer with an *interruption* and *intercession*. He speaks about what was *revealed* to him and what he prays will be *realized* by his readers.

1. What was REVEALED (1-13)

He begins a prayer which is interrupted by his thoughts as he finds reason to give a parenthetical statement of what had been revealed to him regarding the mystery of the unification the Jews and Gentiles within the Church.

a. The PRISONER and His REALITY (1)

**i. Paul’s Mission PERSPECTIVE—Christ’s
PREMINENCE**

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

a) The great EXCHANGE (Philippians 3:4-14)

Paul's mission perspective was simply Christ's preeminence—to honor his Savior in every aspect of life.

b) The great EXALTATION

Galatians 6:14 But **God** forbid that I should glory [*boast*], save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by **Whom** the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with **Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ** liveth in me: and the life which I now live [*physically*] in the flesh I live by the faith of the **Son of God, Who** loved me, and gave **Himself** for me.

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**.

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

ii. Paul's Master's PROVIDENCE—Surpassing PEACE

He willingly **embraced** this imprisonment because he understood that it was God's providence. As he concluded his 3rd missionary journey he understood that God was orchestrating the very details of what would lead up to his prison ministry.

Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. ...**13** I can do all things through **Christ** which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 1:12 But I would ye should understand [*fully know*], brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the Gospel;

iii. Paul’s Ministry **PERSUASION**—Pressing On

Throughout Paul’s return to Jerusalem on his 3rd missionary journey we see his example of having **the courage of conviction**. He was sure and as a result he was committed to doing the Lord’s will even knowing that suffering awaited him.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of **God**, which is in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**.

Consider Paul’s clear conscience and confidence (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

Hebrews 12:1-2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **2** Looking unto **Jesus** the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before **Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of **God**.



Our **WORTHY WALK** is rooted in a right theology of knowing the Biblical **REVELATION** of God. We see Paul’s **MISSION PERSPECTIVE** being Christ’s preeminence. He understood his **MASTER’S PROVIDENTIAL** orchestration of the details of his imprisonment giving him a surpassing peace, therefore strengthening his **MINISTRY PERSUASION** to continue pressing on as “*the prisoner of Jesus Christ.*”

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!