



Sunday, February 17, 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)
 - 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
 - ii. Paul’s Master’s PROVIDENCE—Surpassing PEACE
 - iii. Paul’s Ministry PERSUASION—Pressing On

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- b. The PREACHER and His REVELATION (2-6)
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i. Paul's STEWARDSHIP of the Mystery (2-4)

Act 9:15-16 But the **Lord** said unto him [*Ananias*], "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto **Me**, to bear **My** name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: **16** For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for **My** name's sake."

a) Divine COMMUNICATION (3)

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of **Christ**, and stewards of the mysteries of **God**. **2** Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful [*trustworthy*].

b) Dictated COMPREHENSION (4)

Application: **What we are to know**—"ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of *Christ*."

ii. Paul's PARTNERSHIP of the Mystery (5)

iii. Our FELLOWSHIP as the Mystery (6)

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory but in lowliness of mind [*humility – a low opinion of your own opinion*] let each esteem other better [*more important*] than themselves.

Application: **What we are to be**—"fellowheirs, ... [*fellow*] partakers of His promise in *Christ* by the Gospel."

a) Fellow-HEIRS of the same RICHES of Christ

Romans 8:16-17 The **Spirit** itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of **God**: **17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of **God**, and joint-heirs with **Christ**; if so be that we suffer with *Him*, that we may be also glorified together.

b) Fellow-MEMBERS of the same RELATIONSHIP with Christ

Romans 12:4-5 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: **5** So we, *being* many, are one body in **Christ**, and every one members one of another.

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.

c) Fellow-PARTAKERS of the same REVELATION from Christ

Philippians 2:1-2 *If there be* therefore any consolation in **Christ**, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the **Spirit**, if any bowels and mercies, **2** Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.



Our WORTHY WALK is strengthened by the truth of the REVELATION of the mystery of the Church. We see Paul's understanding of his STEWARDSHIP of this great truth and his PARTNERSHIP with other N.T. "*apostles and prophets*" in the teaching of the FELLOWSHIP of the mystery where Jews and Gentiles share equally in the RICHES of CHRIST, the RELATIONSHIP with CHRIST, and the REVELATION from 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!