

Sunday, March 17, 2019

#### MAKE 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)
    - 2. What was to be REALIZED (14-21)

In the first half of this chapter Paul spells out what had been REVEALED to him regarding the "mystery"—the reconciliation of Jew and Gentile within the Church. In the continuation of his prayer he seeks to help these saints REALIZE the transcendent truth of God's love. This is done through the spiritual strengthening of the believer as they grow in their understanding of "the love of God" and are changed by it as they are "filled with all the fulness of God."

#### a. Paul's PRAYER (14-19)

Paul's Prayer contains characteristics that reveal his PRACTICE but also his PURPOSE. He shows us how to pray and to what end that he is praying.

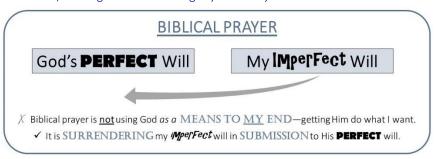
Whereas the first prayer was for being ENLIGHTENED with a deeper understanding of our riches in Christ, here Paul prays for the ENABLING of the saint being moved into action as he grasps the immeasurable love of Christ.

### i. His Practice in Praying—Surrender (14-16a)

His practice is marked by both an ATTITUDE and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. He comes before God's throne of grace in humility, worshipping His mighty God as he acknowledges what God has done and what He can do.

### a) His ATTITUDE of SUBMISSION (14a)

Our posture in prayer is a matter of the heart. It is a heart that is bended toward the Father, seeking His will and His glory—"not my will but Thine be done."



<u>Jeremiah 33:2-3</u> "Thus saith the <u>LORD</u> the maker thereof, the <u>LORD</u> that formed it, to establish it; the <u>LORD</u> is <u>His</u> name; **3** 'Call unto <u>Me</u>, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty [<u>unsearchable</u>] things, which thou knowest not.'

<u>Hebrews 4:16</u> Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

<u>James 5:16</u> Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent [energized/Spirit filled] prayer of a righteous man availeth much [powerful/effective].

## b) His AUDIENCE in SUPPLICATION (14b)

<u>Matthew 6:9</u> After this manner therefore pray ye: 'Our **Father** which art in heaven, Hallowed be **Thy** name.

<u>John 16:23</u> And in that day ye shall ask **Me** nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the **Father** in **My** name, **He** will give it you.

<u>John 14:13-14</u> And whatsoever ye shall ask in **My** name [character / the heart and nature of Christ], that will I do, that the **Father** may be glorified [magnified] in the **Son**. **14** If ye shall ask any thing in **My** name, I will do it.

c) He ACKNOWLEDGES God as SOVEREIGN (15)

d) He ACKNOWLEDGES God's SUFFICIENCY (16a)

"Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring; For His grace and power are such, none can ever ask too much."—John Newton

The "glory" of God speaks of His revealed perfections or attributes. Consider the glorious attributes that God has already spoken of.

<u>2 Corinthians 3:5</u> Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of **God**;

<u>John 15:5</u> I AM the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing.



Our WORTHY WALK is characterized by a life of PRAYER that is characterized by attitudes of SUBMISSION and SUPPLICATION while acknowledging God's SUFFICIENCY. It is coming before

God's throne of grace with an attitude of reverence, understanding Who He is and acknowledging what He has done and what he can do.

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



9 Little Brooklyn Rd, Warwick, NY 10990

pastor@PIBCNY.com / www.PIBCNY.com / John Lashuay, Pastor

# 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	e:	Text:	Speaker:
1.	not		<b>ne</b> that I must confess and forsake because it does hurts <b>my</b> relationship with Him and others? ( <i>Put</i>
2.	a. b.	at did God show <b>n</b> What is He like? What does He lik What does He dis	
3.	a.	What command to What promise to	•
	d.	What example to	follow?
4.	What verse(s) should I memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make <b>my</b> change lasting? ( <i>Renew your mind</i> )		
5.	In li a.	_	heard from God, ( <i>Put <u>ON</u> CHRIST</i> ) uality of Jesus must I demonstrate <i>with God's help</i>
	b.	In what situation Christ-like way?	will I most likely be tempted <u>not</u> to respond in a
	C.	How can I get rea	dy 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!