



Sunday, June 9, 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)

Our goal is to consider “Our Worthy Walk” and seek to grow in our understanding of how to “Walk with the Lord to the praise of His glory.”

## II. The **WALK** of the Believer (4:1-6:9)

Here in chapter 4 Paul moves into the practical portion of his letter to the saints at Ephesus. We note that our understanding of the **PRINCIPLES** of **GOD’S WORD** will lead to the **PRACTICE** of **GOD’S WAYS**.

### A. Walk **WORTHY** (4:1)

To “*walk worthy*” of your calling is to live in such a way that what we were saved for and the way we live are in balance—both having equal weight.

### B. Walk in **UNITY** (4:2-6)

Paul commands us to **WALK WORTHY**, first, by **WALKING IN UNITY**. He explains that to “*walk worthy*,” is simply to live like Jesus. It is a life marked by Christlikeness.

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### C. Walk in DIVERSITY (4:7-10)

**1 Corinthians 1:10** Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Paul's pleading is not for the removal of DIVERSITY but the removal of DIVISION. He desires that they serve the Lord in harmony, being likeminded/ in agreement in doctrine and practice in order to accomplish their Biblical mission.

#### 1. GIFTS Given—Our UNITY in DIVERSITY (8)

Our unity speaks of like-mindedness in direction and purpose yet it does not mean "sameness." The beauty of our unity within the Church is best displayed in a UNIFIED DIVERSITY. This diversity when DISPLAYED IN HUMILITY will promote unity within the body of Christ.

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**Psalm 68:18** Thou hast ascended on high, **Thou** hast led captivity captive: **Thou** hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the **LORD God** might dwell *among them*.

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Cf. 1 Corinthians 12

The "*more excellent way*" of 1Co 12:31 is the way of love in 1Co 13:4-8. Paul is emphasizing the fact that the gift is not what is most important but how you use the gift.

#### 2. GRACE Given—Our DIVERSITY with HUMILITY (7, 9-10)

##### a. Humility EXPECTED (7)

"...is given grace..." (Eph 4:7) – This Greek word translated, "*grace*" is the word "*charis*." It speaks of that which causes joy & pleasure. It is favor displayed without expectation of return. But is also the divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in the life (Strong's). It is used 156 times in the NT.

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**Philippians 2:13** For it is **God** which worketh in you both to will [*desire*] and [*the power*] to do of **His** good pleasure [*perfect will*].

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“...according to the measure of the gift of Christ.” (**Eph 4:7**) – God gives us the necessary grace—His divine help—to each believer in proportion to the measure of Christ’s gift of salvation. It is an endless supply of grace just as the gift of salvation is without measure.

**2 Corinthians 9:8** And **God** is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

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**James 4:6** But **He** giveth more [*and more*] grace. Wherefore **He** saith, **God** resisteth [*to lay siege against*] the proud [*the one insisting on his own way*], but giveth grace unto the humble [*the one submitting to God’s way*].

**Proverbs 16:5** Every one *that is* proud in heart is an abomination to the **LORD**: *though hand join in hand*, he shall not be unpunished.

But “God gives more grace. God gives grace to the humble.”

The **PREMISE** of Humility—“God gives grace to the humble” (**Jas 4:6**)

The **PICTURE** of Humility—(**Jas 4:7-9**)

The **PROMISE** of Humility—“He will lift you up” (**Jas 4:10**)

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**b. Humility EXAMPLED (9-10)**

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Our WORTHY WALK is explained, second, by WALKING IN DIVERSITY. God has given each of us both GIFTS, to be used in our serving Him within the Church, and GRACE in using those gifts. The beauty of our unity within the Church is best displayed in a UNIFIED DIVERSITY as we SERVE OTHERS, in HUMILITY.

**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!