

Sunday, September 22, 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)

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

- A. Walk **WORTHY** (4:1)
- B. Walk in **UNITY** (4:2-6)
- C. Walk in **DIVERSITY** (4:7-10)
- D. Walk in **MATURITY** (4:11-16)
- E. Walk in **PURITY** (4:17-24)

#### 1. The CONDITION of the OLD Man (4:17-19)

Paul tells us that the **CONDITION OF THE OLD MAN IS ROOTED IN HIS THINKING**. His thinking defines his living.

#### 2. The CHANGE of the NEW Man (4:20-24)

- a. **DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKENESS** through REPENTANCE from **SIN** (4:22a)
- b. **DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKENESS** through RESTRAINING our **FLESH** (4:22b)
- c. **DEVELOPING CHRISTLIKENESS** through RENEWING our **MIND** (4:23)

Introduction: Biblical repentance is not only a **TURNING FROM SIN** but also a **TURNING TO TRUTH**. It is a turning from a walk which dishonors God to a walk which bring honor to God.

d. **DISPLAYING CHRISTLIKENESS** through REFLECTING HIS GLORY (4:24)

i. The **PERSPECTIVE** of “Putting Off”

In a glorious sense, when we gaze upon the glory of God we are changed into that same glorious image. As we meditate upon the Person of Christ we begin to display His characteristics in our life. *“Your view of choice becomes your character of life.”*

ii. The **PARTICULARS** of “Putting On” (Rom. 13:11-14)

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**1 Peter 2:21** For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ** also suffered for us, leaving us [*leaving behind*] an [*His personal*] example [*lit. “to write under”*], that ye should follow **His** steps [*footsteps*]:

Let’s consider what “putting on the Lord Jesus Christ” looks like.

a) The **MARKS** of **CHRISTLIKENESS** (Col. 3:12-14)

The **MOTIVATION** for “putting on” these marks of Christlikeness is what Christ has done for us through the forgiveness of our sin (Col 3:13; cf. Eph 4:32).

**Colossians 3:10** And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after [*according to / based upon*] the image of **Him** that created him:

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1. Put on **LOVINGKINDNESS** (v. 12)

Paul calls for us to display the marks of Christlikeness in response to the **NEEDS** of others.

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**Galatians 6:1** Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself [*first*], lest thou also be tempted.

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2. Put on **LONGSUFFERING** (v. 12b-13)

Paul calls for us to display the marks of Christlikeness in response to the **DEEDS** of others.

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**Ephesians 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted [*compassionate*], forgiving one another, even as **God** for **Christ's** sake hath forgiven you.

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**3. Put on LOVE (v. 14)**

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Consider **1 Corinthians 13:1-8**; without love we fail in putting on Christlikeness.

**1 Peter 4:8** And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

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**b) The MAINTENANCE of CHRISTLIKENESS (Col. 3:15-16)**

What practice helps us maintain the display of Christlikeness?

**1. Be RULED by GOD’S PEACE (v. 15)**

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A PEACEFUL and THANKFUL HEART comes from KNOWING GOD through HIS WORD. These are Christlike qualities that flow out of a TRANSFORMED MIND. A PEACEFUL and THANKFUL HEART reveal a TRUSTING HEART.

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**2. Be RULED by GOD’S WORD (v. 16)**

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**James 1:25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

 Our WORTHY WALK is explained by WALKING IN PURITY. Our new life in Christ is to DISPLAY the likeness of Christ. We EFFECTIVELY REFLECT the Glory of God as we INTENTIONALLY “*put on*” the MARKS of CHRISTLIKENESS by displaying the LOVE OF CHRIST. This is done through both displaying LOVINGKINDNESS in response to the NEEDS of others and also displaying LONGSUFFERING in response to the DEEDS of others.

**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!