

Sunday, October 6, 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)
 - F. Walk in LIBERTY (4:25-32)

1. We have been LIBERATED to LOOK OUTSIDE OURSELVES

a. LIBERATED from the POWER of SIN

<u>Romans 6:6-7</u> Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **7** For he that is dead is freed from sin.

<u>Romans 6:22</u> But now being made free from sin, and become servants to **God**, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

b. LIBERATED to PURSUE LOVING SERVICE

<u>Galatians 5:1</u> Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith <u>Christ</u> hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

<u>Galatians 5:13</u> For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

CHRISTIAN LIBERTY ENCOURAGES LOVING SERVICE.

- 2. We have been LIBERATED to LOVE OUTSIDE OURSELVES
 - a. With our WITNESS— to be GENUINE to others (v. 25)
 BE MOTIVATED by a FAMILY community

<u>Revelation 21:8</u> But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and <u>all liars</u>, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Notice Christ's words in His strong rebuke of the pharisees (John 8:44) and John's words of warning to those who profess the name of Christ (1 John 3:10-11).

b. With our WRATH—be GRACIOUS to others (v. 26-27)
BE MOTIVATED by the UNITY of the community

<u>Psalm 119:53</u> Horror [burning indignation] hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake **Thy** Law.

c. With our WORK—GIVE to others (v. 28)BE MOTIVATED by the NEEDS of the community

<u>Psalm 37:21</u> The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

d.	With our WORDS—GROW others (29-30)		
	BE MOTIVATED by the MATURITY of the community		

<u>Psalm 141:3</u> Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my	/ lips.
<u>Colossians 4:6</u> Let your speech <i>be</i> <u>alway</u> with grace, seasoned with salt, know how ye ought to answer every man.	that ye may
e. With our WITNESS—be GODLIKE to others (31-32)	
BE MOTIVATED by the MERCY of Christ	

<u>Acts 1:8</u> But ye shall receive power, after that [when] the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me [My witnesses] both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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.

EXAMINE YOURSELF: Do you walk in truth? Do you control your anger? Do you work so that you can share with others? Do you speak words of grace to that it encourages and builds others up? Do you love others by forgiving them? DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR STORY?



Our WORTHY WALK is explained by WALKING IN LIBERTY. Through obedience, we are to "put off" those SINFUL MARKS of BONDAGE that DIVIDE the community of Christ. In turn we are to

"put on" those CHRISTLIKE MARKS of LIBERTY which UNITE the body of Christ. We are to be MOTIVATED by the UNITY and MATURITY of the community and the MERCY OF CHRIST.

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

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Date	e:	Text:	Speaker:
1.	not		ne that I must confess and forsake because it does hurts my relationship with Him and others? (<i>Put</i>
2.	a. b.	at did God show r What is He like? What does He lik What does He di	
3.	Wha.b.c.	What command What promise to	claim? apply (If I do, then God will do)?
4.	What verse(s) should I memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make my change lasting? (<i>Renew your mind</i>)		
5.	In li a.	_	heard from God, (<i>Put <u>ON</u></i> CHRIST) Juality of Jesus must I demonstrate <i>with God's help</i>
	b.	In what situation Christ-like way?	s will I most likely be tempted <u>not</u> to respond in a
	C.	_	ndy for those situations? (If I don't have a plan for bly won't happen.)



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