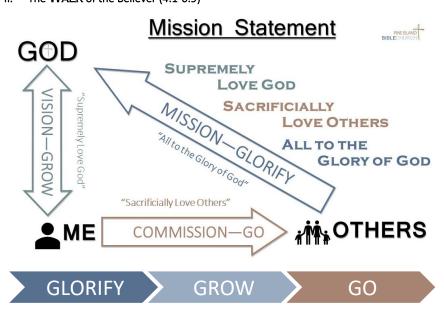


Sunday, October 20, 2019

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)



In Ephesians 4, Paul addresses our "worthy walk" as it relates VERTICALLY BEFORE GOD. In these verses he addresses some key areas which help the believer be more effective in his ministry HORIZONTALLY TOWARD OTHERS. In order for each of us to minister to others, we must first take care of our VERTICAL relationship before God.

A. Walk WORTHY—VERTICALLY before GOD (4:1-32)

- 1. Walk in UNITY—Your POSTURE in Christ (4:2-6)
- 2. Walk in DIVERSITY—Your PREPARATION from Christ (4:7-10)
- 3. Walk in MATURITY—Your PERFECTING by Christ (4:11-16)
- 4. Walk in PURITY—Your PURITY through Christ (4:17-24)
- 5. Walk in LIBERTY—Your PERSPECTIVE of Christ (4:25-32)

B. Walk WORTHY—HORIZONTALLY toward OTHERS (5:1-6:9)

Now, with these areas addressed, Paul shows us specifically the ways that we are to minister in our HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIPS.

1. Walk in LOVE DISPLAYING the LOVE of CHRIST (5:1-6)

<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.

a. LOVE like the FATHER (1)

This word "followers" carries the idea of **IMITATING** or mimicking.

<u>1 John 4:7-8</u> Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of **God**; and every one that loveth is born of **God**, and knoweth **God**. **8** He that loveth not knoweth not **God**; for **God** is love.

<u>1 John 4:10</u> Herein is love, not that we loved **God**, but that **He** loved us, and sent **His Son** *to be* the propitiation [*the atoning sacrifice*] for our sins.

Luke 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your **Father** also is merciful.

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

b. LOVE like the SON / (2)

His love was a PATTERN for us

<u>John 13:34</u> A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

<u>Matthew 20:28</u> Even as the **Son of Man** came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give **His** life a ransom for many.

<u>John 15:13</u> Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

ii. His love was a PROPITIATION for us

<u>1 John 2:1-2</u> My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **Advocate** with the **Father**, **Jesus Christ** the righteous: **2** And **He** is the propitiation [*the atoning sacrifice*] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

<u>1 Peter 2:24</u> Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed.

iii. His love was a PLEASURE for the Father

<u>Romans 5:10</u> For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to <u>God</u> by the death of <u>His Son</u>, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by <u>His</u> life.



Our WORTHY WALK is further explained by WALKING IN LOVE. We are to faithfully follow, in our HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIPS, the PATTERN of Christ's love out of gratitude for His PROPITIOUS gift

of loving sacrifice for us. Our love for others is to be an act of worship—a sweetsmelling savor that is PLEASING to our Heavenly Father.

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?

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3.	a.	What command 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 my change lasting? (<i>Renew your mind</i>)		
5.	In li a.	_	e heard from God, (<i>Put <u>ON</u> CHRIST</i>) quality 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.	How can I get re	ady for those situations? (If I don't have a plan for



change, it probably won't happen.)