



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)
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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)

Galatians 5:13 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.

1 John 4:7-8 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.

1 John 4:10 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)

i. His love was a **PATTERN** for us

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

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

John 15:13 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

1 John 2:1-2 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*.

1 Peter 2:24 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

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to **God** by the death of **His Son**, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by **His** 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 sweet-smelling 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?

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!