



Sunday, November 10, 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—VERTICALLY before GOD (4:1-32)

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

1. Walk in LOVE DISPLAYING the LOVE of CHRIST (5:1-2)

We are to faithfully follow the PATTERN of Christ’s love out of gratitude for Him as the PROPITIATION for our sins. Our love for others is to be an act of worship—a sweet-smelling savor that is PLEASING to our Heavenly Father.

2. Walk in LIGHT REFLECTING the LIGHT of CHRIST (5:3-14)

Paul turns to our INFLUENCE. Following his call for us to love like our heavenly Father by imitating the sacrificial love of our Savior, we are now called upon to walk in light in the way that we love.

a. The DARKNESS of the WORLD (3-6)

We must REFRAIN from living like the darkened world around us but instead, live with SELF-CONTROL, CONTENTMENT, and engage in GODLY CONVERSATION.

b. The LIGHT of CHRIST (7-14)

Paul now turns from DARKNESS to LIGHT. He spoke of the DARKNESS OF THE WORLD and now he turns to the LIGHT OF CHRIST.

i. Paul gives the BELIEVER a REMINDER (7-10)

He reminded us of WHO WE WERE and will now remind us of WHO WE ARE. He begins with a PLEA.

a) Paul's PLEA (7)

b) The Believer's PAST (8a)

Colossians 1:13 Who [*the Father* - Col 1:12] hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of His dear Son:

1. They were SPIRITUALLY DECEIVED

Ephesians 4:17-18 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, **18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

2. They were SPIRITUALLY DEAD

Ephesians 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us [*made us alive*] together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

c) The Believer's POSITION (8b)

Note: DARKNESS DISSIPATES AS LIGHT BECOMES PRESENT, not the other way around. One who is "light" living among those characterized by darkness are to influence the darkness not be influenced by the darkness.

John 1:4-5 In Him [*Jesus*] was life; and the life was the light of men. **5** And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended [*overcame*] it not.

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of **Him**, and declare unto you, that **God** is light, and in **Him** is no darkness at all.

d) The Believer’s **PRIVILEGE** (8c)


1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises [*excellencies / virtues*] of **Him Who** hath called you out of darkness into **His** marvellous light:

e) The Believer’s **PROOF** (9)

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

f) The Father’s **PLEASURE** (10)

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your **Father** which is in heaven.

 Our **WORTHY WALK** is explained by **WALKING IN LIGHT**. We are to live a life of influence, **REFLECTING** the **LIGHT** of **CHRIST**, toward our **HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIPS**. Be **REMIND**ED of your **PAST** to the degree that you understand your new **POSITION** and **PRIVILEGE** as a light-bearer of Christ. As we “*walk as children of light*” we are to bear the fruit that give **PROOF** of authentic Christianity in **PRAISE** to our God.

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

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!