



Sunday, June 28, 2020

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 (Ephesians 1:1-3:21)

Our goal is to consider “Our Worthy Walk” and seek to grow in our understanding of how to “Walk with the Lord to the praise of His glory.”

Question from Ch. 1-3: “What it is to be a Christian?”

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

Question from Ch. 4-6: “How to live as a Christian?”

In the first 3 chapters we learn why we should have an unparalleled **DEVOTION TO GOD**. In chapter 1 we see our **RICHES** in Christ. Then in chapter 2 Paul explains our **RECONCILIATION** to Christ. Finally, in chapter 3, Paul speaks of the **REVELATION** of Christ’s love for us. We see how a transforming understanding of these **DOCTRINAL TRUTHS** lead to a lifestyle of **DEVOTION** to God as we pursue this **DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTLIKENESS** through our diligent study of His Word. This is followed by the **DISPLAY OF CHRISTLIKENESS** as we put into practice these truths of God in both our walk and warfare.

A. Walk WORTHY—**Vertically** before GOD (Ephesians 4:1-32)

1. Walk **Worthy** (Ephesians 4:1)

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech [*beg*] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of **God**, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto **God**, *which is* your reasonable service. **2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed [*changed into something useful*] by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of **God**.

We note that our understanding of the PRINCIPLES of GOD’S WORD will lead to the PRACTICE of GOD’S WAYS.

2. Walk in UNITY—Your **Posture** in **CHRIST** (Ephesians 4:2-6)

Paul teaches us to consider the needed POSTURE OF OUR HEART to be that of UNITY.

Having **Biblical unity** speaks of having the *same mindset* in pursuing the *same mission* (cf. Philippians 2:2-3).

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, that ye all speak [*agree*] the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

In order for our church family to move forward to “the praise of God’s glory” we must have the right **VISION** of **UNITY** being that of **HUMILITY**.

a. Our VIEW of **Self**—“*lowliness*” (Ephesians 4:2)

“*...but in lowliness of mind...*” – This speaks of having a deep sense of one’s own littleness. It results in having a low opinion of one’s own opinion (Cf. Romans 12:3).

Romans 12:16 *Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

As pride promotes *disunity*, humility promotes *unity*.

b. Our VIEW of **God**—“*meekness*” (Ephesians 4:2)

“*Meekness*” is POWER UNDER CONTROL.

c. Our VIEW of **Others**—“*longsuffering, forbearing*” (Ephesians 4:2-3)

“...with *longsuffering, ...*” – This word, “*longsuffering*” speaks of patient restraint with respect of persons (Wuest).

“...*forbearing one another in love;*” – This word translated, “*forbearing*” carries the idea of endurance.

Romans 12:10 *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; (Cf. 1 Corinthians 13:4)*

d. Our VIEW of the **Church** (Ephesians 4:4-6)

Romans 12:4-5 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: **5** So we, *being* many, are one body in **Christ**, and every one members one of another.

John 17:21 That they all may be one; as **Thou, Father, art in Me**, and I in **Thee**, that they also may be one in **Us**: that the world may believe that **Thou** hast sent **Me**.

3. Walk in **MINISTRY**—Your **Purpose** in **CHRIST** (Ephesians 4:11-12)

God “*inspired*”—He breathed out His Word through the apostles and prophets. Through these men, the Holy Spirit gave us God’s Word (cf. 2 Peter 1:21).

The great responsibility in spiritual leadership is “*watching for [the] souls*” of the flock. It is keeping careful watch over the spiritual needs of the flock so as to care for their **GREATEST NEEDS**. (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17)



Our **WORTHY WALK** is marked by a **UNIFIED MINISTRY**. With a **RENEWED VISION**, we must have a right view of ourselves, God, others, and the Church. “*Endeavoring to keep the unity of the **Spirit** in the bond of peace.*” God has **PROVIDED** the church with **GIFTED MINISTERS** for the **PURPOSE** of **GOSPEL MINISTRY**. Through the **MINISTRY OF GOD’S WORD**, every believer is **EQUIPPED** and **EDIFIED** for and **EXPECTED** to be involved in the “*work of the ministry.*”

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!