



"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life"

Sermon Series: "Transformation" (**NEW SERIES**)
Sermon Handout: "**Prepare for The NEW**" – 3/18/2018

Joshua 3:4 – 5 (NKJV) – *"4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before." 5 And Joshua said to the people, "**Sanctify** yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."*

- In the light of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the upcoming celebration of Resurrection Sunday celebrated on April 1st this year, I want to stir your hearts and minds that God wants to do a _____ THING in all of us.
- He wants to take us to a _____ in Him that we've never been before. I realm and reality of Victory, Triumph and Blessings in Christ.
- As Joshua led Israel into the Promised Land, he told the people to get ready to go where they had never gone before.
- And after 40 years them wandering in the wilderness, and our being in the hotel for 4 months, it is time to prepare for NEW, BIGGER and GREATER things from God!
- **IT IS TIME TO _____ GOD'S PLAN! PREPARTION TIME IS SO IMPORTANT!**
- We must understand that _____ is instant, but _____ is a present *position* and, also an on-going *process* as well as future *promise*.
- **GOD IS DOING A _____ THING IN YOU AND ME. YOUR OPPORTUNITY IS NOW!**
- **SANCTIFY** = to make holy, to purify, to cleanse, to set apart, and to consecrate.
 - It means to set apart something or someone for a special purpose.
 - SANCTIFICATION means not only separation from *sin* but also separation from what may be *permissible*. It is an _____ of God.
- P.C. Nelson, a Bible scholar, said this about **SANCTIFICATION**: "*Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of union with Christ, and by offering daily every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit.*"
- In other words, _____ begins with the work God did for us in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
 - Jesus identified with us. IDENTIFICATION means to treat or consider as one and the same.
 - Identification with Christ can be compared to the difference between a photo and an x-ray. IN CHRIST, you just see things differently.
 - The GOSPELS are the photograph; what man saw.
 - The EPISTLES are the x-ray; what God saw.

OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) – *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

- **(Laubach)** – *"Christ took me to the cross with Him and I died there with Him."*
- **(Distilled Bible)** – *"I consider myself as having died and now enjoying a second existence, which is simply Jesus using my body."*
- **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)** – *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*
- **Romans 6:4** says that we were *"...buried with Christ..."*
- **Romans 6:11** says *"...to reckon ourselves dead to sin..."*

- One translation says, *"you are dead to sin... motionless as a corpse."*
- The word RECKON is an accountant term; meaning that in light of the reality and truth that Jesus did it all for us and He was our SUBSTITUTE and our SACRIFICE; we don't try to figure up the facts but to accurately record the facts.
- What a picture! But we did not stay dead. **Romans 6:4** continues, *"...We have been justified and raised with Him by the glory of God."*
- And according to **Romans 6:14**, sin shall not have dominion over us in Christ.
- **Romans 6:4** in its entirety says: *"Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*
- If you want to experience your _____ identity in Christ, you cannot keep looking in the past. YOU ARE DEAD TO ALL THAT!
- ***But the devil knows that if he can challenge and steal your identity, he will hinder your _____.*** **John 10:10 (NKJV)** - *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* **The Enemy Wants to Steal Two Things From You:**
 - **#1 - Your Identity:** There's two identities the enemy wants to steal from us:
 - (1) _____ IDENTITY (Who you are IN CHRIST) and our
 - (2) _____ IDENTITY (Who you are in the BODY OF CHRIST).
 - **#2 - Your Future:** Thieves do not rob empty houses! They come because you have something. **Don't let the devil steal your future!**
 - ***Not doing what you're supposed to be doing _____ and IN time opens the door for the enemy to steal your future!***
 - **WHEN MY LIFE COUNTS FOR _____ IN THIS LIFE, THEN MY LIFE COUNTS FOR _____ IN THE NEXT LIFE!** *Our focus is to be on others, not myself "Well done thou good and a faithful servant..." - **Matthew 25:21, 23***
 - **Good** = is benefiting and being a blessing to others.
 - **I can't build my eternity when I get into eternity; I build my life now!**
- ***NOW IS THE TIME TO SANCTIFY YOURSELF AND ESTABLISH YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST.*** Too many Christian believers are victims of stolen _____ IDENTITY THEFT! Many people live and die and never really find their true identity. ***TOO OFTEN PEOPLE NEVER FIGURE OUT WHO THEY ARE, SO THEY ACT LIKE SOMEONE ELSE AND WHO THEY ARE NOT.***
- We must understand, that when we become believers in Christ, we can longer identify with just our natural family, we are now identified with Christ.
- ***WE CAN NEVER _____ IN LIFE ABOVE OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING OF WHO WE ARE.***

PAUL'S PNEUMA (SPIRIT) CONCEPT

- **John 4:24 (NKJV); Hebrews 12:9 (NKJV)** Man is trichotomy in *function*, but dichotomy in *substance*. God created someone like himself. **1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)** - *"Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify you completely**; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- **THE THINGS WE REFUSE TO _____ FROM ARE THE THINGS THAT WILL _____ US FROM THE WILL OF GOD! (Isaiah 43:18 – 19 NKJV)**

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