



"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life"

Sermon Series: "Transformation" (**NEW SERIES**)

Sermon Handout: "**Prepare for the NEW**" – Part 2 – 3/25/2018

**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."*

- **IT IS TIME TO \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S PLAN! PREPARATION 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."*
- *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. ***WE CAN NEVER \_\_\_\_\_ IN LIFE ABOVE OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING OF WHO WE ARE.***

#### **ADVANCEMENT!**

##### **Read Philippians 3:1 – 15 (NKJV)**

- Friends, the goal of Christianity is to advance! Paul by the Holy Spirit introduces us to his LEDGER OF LOSS.
  - Although, \_\_\_\_\_ is a four-letter word, it is not always a bad term. \_\_\_\_\_ can be a pivot in our lives, if we allow it. LOSS = \_\_\_\_\_ in this context.
  - What is a LIABILITY in your life? What liabilities exist in your life that prevent you from advancing; prevent you from sanctifying yourself to: (1) Who you are in Christ and (2) Who you are in the Body of Christ? What liability is separating you from the Will of God in your life?
- We must be reflections of Christ and not cast reflections on Christ. The most important part of your life is what you believe about your \_\_\_\_\_. We must create with your mouth an atmosphere, a channel through which advancement flows to your future.
- Advancement must be a revelation, which turns into an inspiration that leads to manifestation. **Read Acts 16:6 – 10 (NKJV)**
  - Friends, we all have three major \_\_\_\_\_ we must embrace in our lives: 1<sup>st</sup> is our \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose; 2<sup>nd</sup> is our \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose and 3<sup>rd</sup> is our \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose. Your calling is identified by the vision you've been set under. You should be set under a **PASTOR**; an overseer. What do they oversee? (1) Character (2) Calling and (3) Covenant
  - ***THE ORDER OF GOD IS NOT VOTING; BUT \_\_\_\_\_!***
- **Philippians 3:12 – 14 (NKJV)** Christians who long to finish and transition to the NEW well will cultivate: (1) The discipline of \_\_\_\_\_ – striving for the single goal (the one thing) until its completion, undeterred by obstacles or the taunts of the crowd; (2) The Discipline of \_\_\_\_\_ – refusing to be paralyzed or rendered complacent by the past; (3) The Discipline of \_\_\_\_\_ – intensely pursuing the calling of the Christian life until victory has been won. ***FOCUS is not just a word it is a mandate! DON'T FOCUS ON WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, OR WHERE YOU ARE, BUT WHERE YOU ARE GOING!***
- Paul, by the Holy Spirit, is giving us some great insights that he is not satisfied to rest on his laurels, He must move forward (advance) toward God's **PLAN**, **PURPOSE**, and \_\_\_\_\_.

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