

Sermon Outline

Sunday, June 30th, 2019

<u>Sermon Title</u>: "Spiritual Identity Theft" (Avoiding One of Satan's Biggest Crimes Against Christians) by Pastor Ed Woodus

Opening Scripture Text: 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 FULFILL GOD'S PLAN! PREPARTION TIME IS SO IMPORTANT!

- Preparation time is never lost time. Now is the time to prepare!
- Jesus Christ our Lord is coming real soon; sooner that we think!
- We must understand that ______ is instant, but ______ is a present <u>position</u> and, also an on-going <u>process</u>.
 - Just like the Lord told Joshua long ago to ______ themselves, I believe God is telling us the same to ______ for the 2nd Half of this Year. Halftime is now and during any sports game, halftime is when ADJUSTMENTS are made. In the Bible the process of making the adjustments with our (1) _____ (2) our _____ and (3) our _____ is sanctification.
 - and (3) our _____ is sanctification.
 1st Refuel, reinforce and renew our _____. WHY? _____.
 - 2nd Redefine and realign our _____. WHY? _____
 - 3rd Refresh and refire our _____. WHY? _____.
 - _____
 - **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. _____ 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. <u>IN</u>, you just see things differently.

OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST

<u>Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)</u> – "I have been crucified <u>with Christ</u>; 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."

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)
- Romans 6:4 says that we were "...buried with Christ..."
- Romans 6:11 says "...to reckon ourselves dead to sin..."
 - The word ______ 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.
- But the devil knows that if he can challenge and steal your _____, he will hinder your _____, the will hinder your _____. (John 10:10)
- <u>The Enemy Wants to Steal Two Things From You:</u>
 - o **#1 Your**
 - We should not allow the devil to steal our identity of: <u>1st Who we are IN CHRIST</u>, and <u>2nd - Who we are in Body of Christ</u> - in that order.
 - **#2 Your** _____: Thieves do not rob empty houses. They come because you have something.

Not doing what you're supposed to be doing _____ and ____ time opens the door for the enemy to steal your future!

• WE CAN NEVER ______ IN LIFE ABOVE OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING OF WHO WE ARE.

PAUL'S PNEUMA (SPIRIT) CONCEPT

- <u>1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)</u>; <u>Proverbs 20:27 (NKJV)</u>; <u>1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)</u>
- WHEN YOUR SPIRIT IS JOINED TO CHRIST, THE SAME LIFE, THE SAME AUTHORITY AND THE SAME
 BLESSING BECOMES YOURS. The Word of God is the ______ of a Spirit and the realm of the Spirit!
- <u>Romans 8:1-2 (NKJV); Romans 8:12 13 (NKJV)</u>
- Psalm 32:6 (Amplified) THE THINGS WE REFUSE TO ______ FROM ARE THE THINGS THAT
 WILL ______ US FROM THE WILL OF GOD!

CHRIST CONQUERS SATAN'S CRIMINAL ACT AND ATTACK TO STEAL HIS IDENTITY

- Read Matthew 4:1 11 (NKJV)
- Lesson's to Protect Our Identity in Time of Temptation:
 - #1) Never _____ the Word of God for Personal Advantage
 - #2) Never ______ with wicked people ever to the attainment of good end. (Psalms 1:1)
 - #3) Never ______ a Godly Act in a prideful spirit. (James 4:6 7)
- How Paul maintained his Supernatural Identity During Daily Activity:
- Galatians 2:20 21 (NKJV); Romans 1:1 (NKJV)
 - (1) The ______ of Paul, (2) The ______ of Paul and (3) The ______ of Paul. To rearrange the order is to incur and accrue severe <u>hazards</u>, <u>hinderances</u> and <u>harms</u> into your life! When we are not ____ Christ, we are in _____! Usually IDENTITY CRISES.