

The Seven Pillars of Discipleship: Pillar 2 The Church

Pillar (2)

The Church Pt. 7

Figures of the Church Pt. 2

The Living Stone, Spiritual House, Holy Priesthood

As we continue to look at the "Figures of the Church," we see that there is a uniqueness of each believer in the eyes of God. We saw how the church was built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets Christ Himself being the cornerstone. Just like in any construction project after the foundation is laid then comes the building phase. Now as the household of faith and the buildings of God we are all called to live in a certain way. Peter in 1 Peter 2 provides us with clarity on living the Christian life. The work of Christ has made it possible for all who believe in God to draw near to Him while conforming to a new character given by Christ. Today, I am asking that you open your spiritual eyes and ears to see and hear how God has purposed us to live a practical Christianity.

1 Peter 2:4-12

The Practicality of Ministry

1. As believers we _____ (v. 4)
 - What does this imply – _____
2. As believers we _____ (v. 5a)
 - What does this imply – _____
3. As believers we _____ (v. 5b)
 - What does this imply – _____
4. As believers we _____ (v. 6)
 - What does this imply – _____
5. As believers we _____ (v.9)
 - What does this imply – _____

Because of this how now shall we live?

"As aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul (v. 11)

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Application

Today's message was a clear demonstration of God's work in the building process of His church. Notice all the descriptions Peter uses (living stones, spiritual house, chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, a people for God's own possession) and how they reflect the believer in Christ. This is how God views us as His children, a part of His household of faith. Do you view yourself the way God views you?

1. When you hear the term living stones, spiritual house, chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, a people for God's own possession what comes to your mind?
2. As a builder, how are you building upon that which the Lord has so freely given to you (your salvation, your life as a believer)?
3. The term "God's own possession," is very specific, what does that mean to you and how do you live this truth practically in your everyday life?
4. Knowing that every believer is a priest and has a temple in which to worship; describe your worship service in your temple?
5. What do you think Peter meant when he described believers as a "holy nation?"
6. When you hear the term "chosen race," what comes to mind? Why?

Scripture Memorization for the week

John 1:8-9

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D-in 10

D in 10 is a simple devotion that could be done by an individual or a family in about 10 minutes a day.

Note: this week's devotion is based on the book of Acts. As we venture through the era of the early church I pray that the Lord will grant us insight into His will as it relates to His Church. Each passage is meant to reflect on the goodness of God and His work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer in the establishment of the Church. Each devotion will teach a fundamental perspective on the work of the Holy Spirit in the early church. Follow the chart below; there are verses for each day listed. Singing a song before and after is meant to stir up your inner man to desire the things of God. Allow the music to guide you into a more intimate reading of the word of God.

Daily Walk with God

Meditation and Prayer on the Word of God

Acts 17:22-34 <i>Paul's Sermon on Mars Hill</i>	Monday 15	Google Lyrics: " Alpha and Omega " <i>Israel and New Breed</i>
Acts 18:1-22 <i>Paul at Corinth</i>	Tuesday 16	Google Lyrics: " Withholding Nothing " <i>William McDowell</i>
Acts 18:23- 19:1-10 <i>Paul's 3rd Missionary Trip and Ephesus</i>	Wednesday 17	Google Lyrics: " I Surrender All " <i>CeCe Winans</i>
Acts 19:11-41 <i>Paul's Miracles at Ephesus</i>	Thursday 18	Google Lyrics: " In Christ Alone " <i>Nicole Nordeman</i>
Acts 20:1-12 <i>Paul in Macedonia and Greece</i>	Friday 19	Google Lyrics: " Amazing Grace "
Acts 20:13-38 <i>Paul at Troas and Miletus and Farewell to Ephesus</i>	Saturday 20	Google Lyrics: " Oceans " <i>Hill Song United</i>
Acts 21:1-14 <i>Paul Sails from Miletus</i>	Sunday 21	Google Lyrics: " I can only Imagine " <i>Mercy Me</i>

Remember to sing the selected song before and after the reading only during devotion (not as you read the text throughout the day; unless you desire). As you interact with the verse of the day think of the implications to your life. How do you relate to the truth of each verse? How have you applied it/them to your life? What action steps will you take each day in light of the passage?

Now sing "the selected song of the day" one more time very slowly being careful to pronounce all the words with intention. Sing as if God is standing before you and you are telling Him how much you love Him. Let your mind think on all the things He has already done for you and how much He loves you. Now sing the song again and think of the words of the devotional passage.

*This should be done **every morning** and **before bed daily, 7 days a week.***

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Joshua 1:9

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Come and join us this Wednesday as Pastor Charles Wilson takes us through the wonderful story seen in Joshua 1:9. This will be a time of encouragement and blessing so come prepared to be up lifted. "As iron sharpens iron so does one man sharpen another." Together we will gain an accurate understanding of the text in order that we may seek life application so please come prepared to engage by reading the text beforehand. This lesson will be geared towards a theological and practical exposition of the text with practical life application so please come prepared to engage in the study of God's word.

Please Come Prepared to Participate in the Discussion.