

Remember Who You Are

A Primary Appeal in This Season – June 14, 2020

Greetings and welcome. It is with great joy that I extend to you the tremendous love that is in our hearts for each of you. I come to you today with a certain and particular mission. I believe that I have a critical dispatch from the heart of the Father that I am to deliver to you this morning.

In these times of growing tension and intensity, it is common for people, even believers in the Lord Jesus, to be pulled and pushed this way and that way. There is a real need for us to be settled in and anchored to the revelation of God for this season. To that end I make the following appeal to you.

Revelation 5:9-10 “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.” **Kindred** g5443 φυλή phylē: “offshoot; race; clan. **Tongue** g1100 γλῶσσα glōssa: “tongue; language; one naturally acquired. **People** g2992. λαός laos: people; one’s own populace. **Nation** g1484. ἔθνος ethnos: a race (as of the same habit); a tribe.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

1 Peter 2:9 “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:”

Colossians 1:12-14 “Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:”

Hebrews 1:3a “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being”

And -- **1 John 4:17b** “as he is, so are we in this world”

A Reminder For All of Us

- Sam recently reminded us what Jesus said in Matthew 24:7 “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom”
- Nation rising against nation
- Nation here in this text is: g1484. ἔθνος ethnos; probably from 1486; a race (as of the same habit), i.e. a tribe; specially, a foreign (non-Jewish) one (usually, by implication, pagan): — Gentile, heathen, nation, people.
- Ethnos rising against ethnos
- We prophesied some 20 years ago that we saw a great civil war coming
- Blue vs gray – NOT NORTH VS SOUTH BUT REVELATION VS REASON -- I plan to write more extensively on this, but for now, here is a general explanation of what I mean:
 - Blue = up = heavens = higher = = revelation
 - Gray = down = earth = natural = “gray matter” = = reason
 - The Blue vs the Gray is simply the variance and the conflict between what generates from true revelation from God and what generates from human reason (reason that does not derive from the source of a regenerated / saved soul under the guidance of the Holy Spirit)
- I remind you today that there are 2 kinds of wisdoms: 1) wisdom from above, and, 2) wisdom from below
- These 2 kinds of wisdom are: 1) spiritual, and, 2) carnal
- 3 categories of wisdom from below: 1) **earthly**; 2) **sensual**; 3) **devilish**. The natural thought and inclination would be that #3 is much worse than #1.
- BUT::: the “gray” / all of the wisdom from below comes from the same TREE – THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL!!!! AND WE ARE STILL COMMANDED NOT TO EAT OF THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL, EVEN TODAY!! **Genesis 2:17** “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that you eat from it thou shalt surely die.”
- **James 3:13-18** “Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.
- Gird up the loins of your mind and insist that your source, and the way you are informed is from above!

- If you are truly born again / born from above / a son of God, then your ethos, your culture and practice should reflect the nature and the character of God!

A Final Appeal

Have No Confidence in the Flesh

Philippians 3:7-21 “But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Following Paul’s Example

“All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our **citizenship** is in heaven. NOTE conversation / citizenship: (g4175. πολίτευμα politeuma; from 4176; a community, i.e. (abstractly) citizenship (figuratively): — conversation.) And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”

Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity

Philippians 4:1-9 “Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

Final Exhortations

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”