

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

"HAVING BEEN BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES
AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF
CORNERSTONE" - EPHESIANS 2:20

February 13, 2011

e) Legitimate eternal and temporary goals: evangelism & provision

12 so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.
Behave properly has its root in a word that means "gracefully" or
"elegantly"

The purpose: Christian Example, legitimate provision and compassionate
sharing

CONCLUSION:

1. **"My husband is not a leader."** Susan Hunt's conversation...
Give me a diligent man and not a theoreticians of religion
2. Do not **"force yourself to love"** this is not law but grace. If you
are in Christ, "know that you are loved" and the result will be that
you will abound in filial love

Announcements:

1. **Interested in church membership?** Ask Victor or Astrid Hernandez
astridenid@gmail.com
2. **Couples Meeting** this Friday, February 18 at 7 PM at the Gonzalez RSVP
with Maria Luisa if interested (305) 790-9860 or Lapeque01@aol.com. We
will watch Voddie Baucham Video "What she must be"
3. **Interested in Home Book studies?** Ladies: inquire with Lydia Mederos
rom1136@bellsouth.net or Veronica Mullins katronee@bellsouth.net.
Men: inquire with Jorge Morales jorgediana@bellsouth.net or Jason Tesser
jasantesser@gmail.com
4. **Reminders:**
 - Adult Sunday School on Systematic Theology 9:30-10:30 AM
 - Children & Youth Sunday School by ages: 9:30 – 10:30 AM
 - Wednesday prayer meeting: 7 PM
 - Word of Truth: 1080 AM Weekdays 6:45-7:00 AM / 4:45-5:00 PM
 - Church website: www.cornerstonebiblechurch.com
 - Theology of Music starts today 1:00-2:00 PM* Required for music ministry members, others welcome as auditors

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Announcements
- Scripture Reading John 19:17-42
- Revelation Song – Insert
- I will Glory In My Redeemer – Song Book #13
- Intercessory Prayer
- Offering: To God Be The Glory – Trinity Hymnal #667
- Magnificat – Insert
- Everlasting God – Insert

OUR LOCATION:

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305-380-9045 (Pastor Edwin Gonzalez)
305-235-0440 (Directions)

Sunday Schedule:

9:30 AM Study of the Word of God
11:00 AM Preaching of the Word of God
Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting
(Prayer flocks meet Every Last Wed.)

I Thessalonians Part 13 The Social Dimension of Holiness

Introduction: most of us associate godliness with being austere, morally stiff, authoritarian and rigorous

Link: our studies in 1 Thessalonians brings us to consider that holiness has two public manifestations: brotherly affection and social responsibility.

Text: I Ts 4:9-13

Thesis: God's call to sanctification, transcends personal and individual purity; holiness has a public dimension in the social life of the believer

Outline: two manifestations of holiness: 1. Filial Love 2. Social Responsibility

Grammar Structure: Paul is addressing particular concerns of the Thessalonians – for the grammar structure of the passage examine **I Co 7:1** “**Now concerning** the things about which you wrote...” 7:25, 8:1, 8:4, 12:1, etc.

He repeats the subject of brotherly love - see 3:12 - in the context of God's call to sanctification

Social context of the Thessalonian church:

Thessalonica was a major commercial and transit center in the Roman Empire due its location along the Egnatian Way.

A cosmopolitan church poses a challenge to display filial love comp Romans 14, I Corinthians 10 &c. Church is a heterogeneous crowd tied by the Spirit, in the bond of peace because of Christ.

The first dimension of this public manifestation of holiness is:

1 Filial Love

a) The commandment

Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

Taught by God... by the Spirit → Rom 5:3, apostolic instruction and by example -> Jn 3:16, Mt 5:48

Practical: love to the brethren is one of the first observable fruits of faith.

This filial love is not theoretical, it is displayed in a genuine enjoyment of the fellowship of the saints. Psalm 133:1

b) The commendation

10 for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia.

Some believe that verse 10 refers to the provision of material help compare to I Jn 3:16-18 “Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.”

c) The charge to improve

But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more

Is this a “**Paralipsis**”? *Touching on a point pretending to pass it over*; was Paul duplicitous? No, this is an illustration of sanctification; *we have been sanctified but are also continually being sanctified*. We should never sleep at the wheel in our pursuit of holiness.

A second aspect of our sanctification:

2. Social Responsibility

11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you; 12 so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.

Hist. Context: The “patronage” system: we will miss the point of this verse unless we understand the social context. The patron was a benefactor. The “clients” were lower social strata people who sought favors from the patrons by endorsing their ideas and projects

Some of these “clients” were now Christians Paul here commands them to quit welfare, marching demonstrations, get a job and become benefactors instead of beneficiaries.
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This is what I mean by the social responsibility dimension of holiness.

b) Christian work ethics: the Christian's work ethics is summarized in the 4th commandment: “six days, you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh, is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.” Work ethics is an often by passed moral application of the 4th commandment

c) Conspiring to be diligent: 11 make it your ambition to lead a quiet life Some old translations translate this as “study”, rendering the idea of “to conspire” or “to strive”. This is the person who sets goals in life and carefully maps out a critical route to reach them.

d) Get busy... with your own business, be diligent

and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you;

Working with the hands was the job of low class artisans, Paul is dignifying any legitimate way of gainful employment or activity. He became an example of a diligent work ethics himself. **Acts 20:33-35**

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song
To Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is
And is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
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Rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor
Strength and glory
And power be to You
The only wise King

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Verse 3

Filled with wonder
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Breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

My soul will magnify the Lord;
I rejoice in God my Savior,
In the wonder of His favor.
For He has done great things for me;
He was mindful of His servant.
Every age shall call me blessed.
The Hope of Abraham come
In the giving of a Son;
For He who promised is mighty
In remembering His mercy.

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For His grace to those who fear Him
Through every generation.
The proud He scatters to the wind
As the ruler's strength is broken,
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The humble lifted high,
And the hungry satisfied;
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Everlasting God

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