

MESSAGE

Date : March 16, 2017
Occasion : Prayer Service

TITLE : **BEING PREPARED**
Text/s :

Phil 1:10

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; (KJV)

Titus 2:11-15

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

1Thes 5:23

23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Thes 3:13

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 Cor 1:8

8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Pet 5:10

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Bible reading :

Song/s :

INTRODUCTION

We will use these verses to learn the qualities of the person (or Ekklesia) who is (are) in preparation.

A) If we are to be prepared, then we must be Learners

This is because the man in preparation is teachable. He does not stop taking in Truth. He does not stop being teachable. And being teachable is not a IQ. It is A character.

We need to be teachable in every respect:

1) Negatively

In all negative aspects of life..." denying ungodliness and worldly lusts..."

I Jn 2:15-16

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Rom 6:12-13

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Rom 13:12-14

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

2) Positively

In all living aspects..." live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world..."

Rom 6:19

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. (KJV)

1 Tim 4:12

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (KJV)

2 Pet 1:5-8

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Even the very words of Christ in regard to discipleship shows negative and positive aspects: "let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me..."

B) If we are to be prepared, then we must be Lookers

This is because the man in preparation looks at the coming of Christ. For him, everything is heaven related. He loves the appearing of Christ. He does lose sight of heaven.

Phil 3:20

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ

2 Tim 4:8

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. (KJV)

2 Pet 3:14

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. (KJV)

Rom 15:13

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

1 Jn 3:3

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (KJV)

C) If we are to be prepared, then we must be Laborers

This is because the man in preparation is part of the peculiar people who are zealous Of good works. He loves to work. He loves to serve. This is his zeal.

- 1) He is a workmanship designed for good works

Eph 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

- 2) He abounds to every good work

2 Cor 9:8

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (KJV)

- 3) He is being furnished to all good works

2 Tim 3:17

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.