

Sermon – Preparing for the Cross – Part Two

In the Spirit of Authority and Humility

Theme Scripture - Then comes Jesus from Galilee to Jordan to John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of you, and come you to me?

And Jesus answering said to him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. **Mathew 3:13-15**

I. Submitting to God and Submitting to one another – 1 Peter 2:13; 1 Peter 5:5

- A. Giving thanks always for all things to God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Ephesians 5:20-21
- B. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

II. Humility and the Fear of the Lord – 1 Peter 5:5; Acts 20:19

- A. The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility.
Proverbs 15:33
- B. By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honor, and life. **Proverbs 22:4**

III. Understanding God's Authority

- A. Jesus submits to John the Baptist, God the Father & the Holy Spirit – **Matthew 3:13-17**
- B. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. **John 12:49**
- C. Then answered Jesus and said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for what things soever he does, these also does the Son likewise. **John 5:19**

IV. Have God's Kind of Faith – Matthew 8:5-13

- A. My servant lies at home sick of palsy...not worthy... speak the word only...he shall be healed. Matthew 8:8
- B. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me – Matthew 8:9
- C. His servant was healed in the selfsame hour. Matthew 8:13

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V. Paul speaks to the Ephesian Elders – Acts 20: 7, 17-37

- A. Paul preached to the disciples until midnight – Acts 20:7
- B. Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: **Acts 20:19**
- C. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: **Acts 20:22**
- D. I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Acts 20:35-36