
❖SERMON NOTES❖

Sunday, June 14, 2020

“BLESSED PEACEMAKERS”

(Philemon 1:1-25)

We live in a divided, polarizing time. Daily we are confronted with extreme sides on issues of the pandemic, race and justice, and politics. We can add struggles at work and home to the list too. In a broken world of messy relationships – God’s people are called to be reconcilers. The little letter to Philemon provides a blueprint for loving reconciliation.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us” (2 Corinthians 5:17-20, CSB).

END – Sermon Part 1

BEGIN – Sermon Part 2

Paul practices patience.

Paul doesn’t demand and doesn’t attempt to control Philemon.

Paul reminds Philemon of the gospel.

Paul remembers Philemon’s point of view.

Paul reminds Philemon that Christians are family.

Paul gives Philemon an eternal perspective.

“Demas has deserted me, since he loved this present world, and has gone to Thessalonica” (2 Timothy 4:10, CSB).

“If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone” (Romans 12:18, CSB).

“Since I am confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say” (Philemon 1:21, CSB).

❖ **SERMON NOTES** ❖

Sunday, June 28, 2020

“WHO’S ON FIRST?”

(Exodus 20:1-3)

In our *RENEW* series we’re looking at some of the most familiar verses in the Bible. This week, we visit the first of the Ten Commandments. What would it mean for God to be first in your life? This week we will find ways to measure and move our lives toward living the first commandment.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands” (Matthew 22:37-40, CSB).

“Do not have other gods besides me” (Exodus 20:3, CSB).

1. Put God first in your finances.

“Honor the Lord with your possessions and with the first produce of your entire harvest then your barns will be completely filled” (Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV).

“Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship...Doing this will teach you always to fear the LORD your God” Deuteronomy 14:23, NLT).

2. Put Him first in your interests.

“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV).

3. Put God first in your relationships.

“A righteous person is careful in dealing with his neighbor” (Proverbs 12:26, CSB).

4. Put God first in your schedule.

“Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So don’t be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is” (Ephesians 5:15-17, CSB).

5. Put God first in your troubles.

“Call on me in a day of trouble” (Psalm 50:15, CSB).

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33, NKJV).