

L16 | Ephesians | Before Him In Love | Eph. 1:3-6

I. Intro/Review:

- The Holiness of God
 1. No other attribute so pronounced as His holiness - not faithful, faithful, faithful - nor eternal, eternal, eternal - nor love, love, love (Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8)
 - It is His holiness that manifests all other attribute most excellent.
 2. Singled out to swear by (Ps. 89:35; Amos 4:2)
 - The ground of assurance of His promise
 - If He lies to David than shall He never be counted holy
 3. Glory and beauty (1 The. 4:4 - sanctification and honor)
 - The image of God in the creature
 - Ps. 27:4; 2 Chr. 20:21
 4. It is His life (Eph. 4:18)
 - Alienated from the life of God, from His purity by our uncleanness
 - Swear by it as His life, "as I live"
- Without holiness His power, love, strength, etc would lose their honor and efficacy
- Thus it becomes an adjective and quickening virtue - (i.e. holy justice, holy wisdom, holy arm (power), holy promise, holy name, holy in all His works
- He purifies by holy contamination or by destruction
- "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, glorious in holiness?"
 - Who can make something clean that is unclean?
 - Undoubtedly if one could they must be Most Holy - The Holy of Holies
- This is not what we are naturally but what God chose us to be in Christ - it is first things first - we must be fitted for His use, we must be accepted of His Holiness, His Majesty.
 - Christ is the Holy One thus - we must be at-one with Him, thus in Him.
 - Christ always pleases the Father and by His nature is host to our holiness.
 - Such a position - so vastly different from our first one would be a creation of a new creature - after God in righteousness and true holiness.

II. Preview:

- Without Blame - further substantiate eternal lot before Him

- Before Him
- In Love

III. Sermon:

{1 Tim 6:16} - "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

- "without blame"
 - Ephesians 5:27 - "...without blemish."
 - Leviticus 21:18-20 - "blind, lame, flat nose, anything superfluous, brokenfooted, brokenhanded, crookbackt, dwarf, blemish in the eye, scurvy, scabbed, stones (testicles) broken
 - Leviticus 22:22-23 - "blind, broken, maimed, wen (running sores), scurvy, scabbed
 - Translated
 - Colossians 1:22 - "...unblameable..."
 - Hebrews 9:14 - "...without spot..."
 - 1 Peter 1:19 - "...without blemish..."
 - Jude 1:24 - "...faultless before the presence of His glory..."
 - Revelation 14:5 - "...without fault before the throne of God."
 - That specific condition which is meet to God, satisfactory to Himself, qualified to be before Him, pure unto the pure, the provision to draw nigh
 - Description of Christ and us in, by, and through Christ
- "without blame" - Together with "holiness"
 - Mark 6:20 - "just man and holy"
 - Luke 1:75 - "in holiness and righteousness before Him"
 - Acts 3:14 - "Holy One and the Just"
 - Titus 1:8 - "just, holy"
 - Revelation 22:11 - "unjust, filthy - righteous, holy"
 - God is holy and just
 - Ps. 78:41 - "Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel."
 - Ps. 89:18 - "For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king."
 - Christ is holy and just
 - Acts 3:14 - "Holy One and the Just"

- Rev. 6:10 - "holy and true"
 - Rev. 15:4 - "for thou only art holy"
 - Created after God holy and righteous
 - Ephesians 4:24 - "in righteousness and true holiness"
 - The very things the new man is created in
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23 - sanctify wholly - "spirit, soul, body"
 - 3 Tenses of Salvation
 - Saved from the debt of sin - unholy, unrighteous
 - Being saved from the power of sin - unholy, unrighteous
 - Will be saved from the presence of sin - unholy, unrighteous
1. "spirit" - Eph. 2:1ff (quicken when dead)
 2. "soul" - Rom. 12:1ff (renewing of the mind)
 - "carnal body with sin in it" (now) - Rom. 8:5ff (quicken your mortal body - the Spirit)
 3. "spiritual body" - (future) - 1 Cor. 15; Php. 3 (new body)
1. **Operation new creature** - "holy and beloved" (sanctified and called to be saints)
 - Redemption - Romans 3-5
 - Baptism/Circumcision - Romans 6, Col. 2:10-15
 - God's preparation, purify us unto every good work - 2 Tim. 2:19-21
 2. **Perfecting Holiness - Possessing your vessel in sanctification**
 - **Ephesians 5:25-27** - sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such things; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:1-9** - called with a holy calling, made holy, to perfect holiness
 - Titus 2:11ff11-15
- Imputed righteousness to the expression of that righteousness in fruit. The expression doesn't sustain or maintain that which is imputed; however, is that which we are to mature in.
 - Need these two things
 - Holiness
 - Righteousness
 - Spiritual Things
 - Partakers of the new testament
 - Ministration of righteousness
 - Ministries of spirit

- We inherit them by Christ instead of that which we naturally inherit from Adam
- "before Him"
- "in love"
 - Jn. 17:24 - "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."
 - Jn. 15:27 - "For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God."

IV. **Conclusion:**