

Review:

Week 1—Joshua 24:15 as for me and my house  
Week 2-- Bethel – the House of God!!! Genesis 28  
Week 3—A family altar will alter a family. Matthew 6  
Week 4—The Anti-Prodigal Home. Luke 15

***Today: The Un-woke Home***

Wokeness- the state of being consciously aware of and “awake” to the injustices that pervade all of American society; being awake to injustices that are gender-based, class based, race based, etc.

The answer to “Wokeness”—JESUS!

- I am the Bread of Life –

**John 6:35-37** Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

- I am the Light of the World

**John 8:12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

- I am the Door –

**John 10:9-10** I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

If we want to enter a room, or a house, we go through door. If we want to enter into a relationship with God, we go through Jesus.

- I am the Good Shepherd –

**John 10:11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

A shepherd's primary responsibility is to protect the safety and wellbeing of the sheep. Sheep are vulnerable and defenseless, without a Shepherd to protect them they are prey for wolves, thieves, and other dangers.

As our Good Shepherd, Jesus gave His life to protect us and to save us. He wants us to accept His gift of salvation, and He wants to guard and protect us as we do life on our journey with Him.

**Psalms 23:1** The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want

- I am the resurrection and the life –

**John 11:25-26** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Jesus says that He is the Resurrection and the Life, it is a declaration that He has won the victory over death.

We see Him demonstrate this in John 11 where, after Lazarus had been dead for 4 days, He called him out from the tomb and raised him from the dead.

Jesus proved again that He had power over death when He rose from the dead (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20). Jesus is alive! He is a living Savior, and we can have a living relationship with Him.

For those of us who have put our faith and trust in Jesus, we do not need to fear death, it is a doorway to the heavenly realm where we can spend eternity with God in His presence.

- I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life –

**John 14:6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- I am the true vine --

**John 15:1-5** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who has done any gardening, even basic gardening, knows that if you cut off a branch from the main part of the plant, it will die.

Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches, we need to remain connected to Him in order to grow and flourish spiritually, allowing His life to flow through us enabling us to grow and bear good fruit (Galatians 5:22-23).

He is the source of life, now and forever.

- The answer to “wokeness” – JESUS

There is one race—the human race (Genesis 1:26-27)

There is one curse—sin (Genesis 3:6)

There is one Savior – Jesus (Romans 5:8)

**Romans 5:8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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So what does this all mean for us as we consider “It Starts at Home”?

It means that we must never fall into the trap of “wokeness” and that we stay firmly fixed on the gospel of Jesus Christ!

It means that our homes must be Gospel Centered:

--Take a Stand... As for me and my House

--This is Bethel... The Place of the Lord, “surely the Lord is in this place”

--Prayer... A Family Altar will alter a family

--Anti-prodigal plan, atmosphere of repentance and unconditional love and kill bitterness

And today, gospel centered!

Ephesians 3 really helps us!

**Ephesians 3:1-13**.....

FOCUS VERSE

**Ephesians 3:10** so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

- What is the wisdom of God?

The Greek word here is *Sophia* but its interesting in **John 1** that *logos* has the same meaning.

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

These words have the same denotation without the same spelling

It's like “cold” and “freezing”

- What is the “Word”?

Jesus Christ, **the personal wisdom** and power in union with God

So, what does the church make known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places?

JESUS!!

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### Which brings us to Ephesians 3:14-19

- I bow to my knees—

Paul prayed in the posture of bowing his knees. This position of utmost humility was in contrast to the more normal posture of prayer in that culture, to pray standing with hands raised up.

Examples of praying on their knees in the Bible

Solomon prayed on his knees ([1 Kings 8:54](#)).

Ezra prayed on his knees ([Ezra 9:5](#)).

The Psalmist called us to kneel ([Psalm 95:6](#)).

Daniel prayed on his knees ([Daniel 6:10](#)).

People came to Jesus kneeling ([Matthew 17:14](#), [Matthew 20:20](#), and [Mark 1:40](#)).

Stephen prayed on his knees ([Acts 7:60](#)).

Peter prayed on his knees ([Acts 9:40](#)).

Paul prayed on his knees ([Acts 20:36](#)), and other early Christians prayed on their knees ([Acts 21:5](#)).

Most importantly, Jesus prayed on His knees ([Luke 22:41](#)).

The Bible has enough prayer *not* on the knees to show us that it isn't required, but it also has enough prayer *on* the knees to show us that it is good.

Today....

1. Holy Ghost Power
2. Christ Filled Hearts
3. Rooted and Grounded in Love
4. Know the Love of Christ
5. Filled with the Fullness of God

## Holy Ghost Power (16)

Why are we filled with power?

The Holy Spirit

**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**Romans 5:5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

## Christ Filled Hearts (17a)

How do we get/attain a Christ-filled heart?

- Repent

**Acts 3:19-20** <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

- Believe

**Romans 10:9-10** because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

- Walk in Christ

**Ephesians 4:1-2** I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

**Ezekiel 36:26** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh

### **Rooted and Grounded in Love (17b.)**

Rooted- Gr: *rhizoo* to be planted firmly, to cause to take root

Grounded- Gr: *themelioo* to lay a foundation

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What does something need to take root?

It must be fed  
Watered  
Fertilized  
Exposed to the Sun

### **Know the Love of Christ (19a.)**

How do we know the love of Christ?

We go to the cross!!!

The cross pointed in 4 ways, essentially in every direction, because...

- God's love is wide enough to include every person. (Right)
- God's love is long enough to last through all eternity. (Left)
- God's love is deep enough to reach the worst sinner. (Down)
- God's love is high enough to take us to heaven. (Up)

## Filled with the Fullness of God (19b.)

How does this happen?

Answer: Jesus!

**Colossians 2:9-10** For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

i. "Among all the great sayings in this prayer, this is the greatest. To be FILLED *with God* is a great thing; to be *filled with the FULLNESS of God* is still greater; but to be *filled with ALL the fullness of God* utterly bewilders the sense and confounds the understanding." (Clarke)

## Walk Away

The Un-Woke home is rooted and grounded in Christ!!

1. Does your family/ home know the love of Jesus or are they fixed on the latest greatest fad that is coming down the pike?
2. Is your family more concerned with the Cross of Jesus or the latest "Cause of the World"?
3. Are you willing to "Start at Home"?