The Book of NEHEMIAH Chapter 10

"Declaration of Dependence"

I) THE DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE (9:38-10:27)

- > The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19,20)
 - 1- Win Souls!
 - 2- Make Disciples!
 - 3- Send Out!
- > Our Church Foundation (Acts 2:38-42)
 - 1- Repentance
 - 2- Holy Spirit
 - 3- Word of God
 - 4- Prayer
 - 5- Fellowship
 - 6- Communion
- > **Body Ministry** (Ephesians 4:11-16)
 - 1- Gifts (God)
 - 2- Unity (Love)
 - 3- Service (Faith)

II) OUR SEPARATION FOR PRESERVATION (v28-31)

> <u>The separated Christian Life</u>: (1) Be separate - 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1; (2) How to be separate - Ephesians ch. 5:1-21- "Walk in <u>Love</u>—Walk in the <u>Light</u>—Walk in <u>Wisdom</u>"; (3) Results of being separate - Romans 8:35-39.

III) HIS ORIENTATION FOR MULTIPLICATION (v32-39)

- Giving or tithing unto the LORD -
- Financial Wisdom- Prov 3:9-10- Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.
- Old Testament Lesson- Malachi 3:6-12- "For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. Yet from the days of your fathers you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you, "Says the LORD of hosts." But you said, 'In what way shall we return?' "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. you are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts; "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.
- New Testament Understanding- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8- But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.
- > **ACTION POINTS:** (1) Pray and share Christ's glorious salvation with someone this week; (2) what separations do you need to make; (3) Plan your financial stewardship (establish a budget) and "Go 4 God!"