



Pastor Titus A. White, Sr.

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Who Am I?

Part 2: A Sheep in God's Flock

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

Recap from last week –

A Child in God's Family:

* Entering the Family, Enjoying the Family, Enlarging the Family*

Intro: “I think we’ve got to stop using the image of sheep when we talk about Christians, a preacher friend once said to me. Today’s sophisticated urban population may not know what we’re talking about. But I think my friend is wrong. A person doesn’t have to be a farmer to know what sheep are like or what they symbolize.”

1. Israel - God's Flock

- a. The Jewish nation prided itself on being God's flock
 - i. Jehovah God is called “the Shepherd of Israel” and the nation is His people and the sheep of His pasture (Psalm 80:1)
- b. The people of Israel saw God as their Shepherd and their own leaders as under shepherds. Question – how do we see God??
 - i. Israel was often a flock that went astray and disobeyed the Lord. (Isaiah 53:6 – All we like sheep have gone astray)

2. The Church – God's Flock

- a. What Israel was under the Old Covenant, the Church is today under the New Covenant. (1 Peter 2:9 – But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation...)
- b. Why does God compare His people to sheep?
 - i. Sheep are clean animals Leviticus 11:1-8
 - 1. This means they are acceptable to God
 - 2. Now of course, sinners are not acceptable by themselves...saved Jesus!!
 - ii. Sheep know their shepherd John 10:14
 - iii. Sheep desperately need a shepherd Psalm 23

3. Christ – The Shepherd

- a. The Bible presents the shepherding of Jesus Christ from three different perspectives:
 - i. As the Good Shepherd (He died)
 - ii. As the Great Shepherd (He lives for the sheep)
 - iii. As the Chief Shepherd (He will return to gather the sheep)



Pastor Titus A. White, Sr.

Wednesday, September 5, 2016

Who Am I?

Part 3: A Pilgrim Citizen

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

Intro: Two of the most fascinating images of the Christian are the pilgrim and stranger and the citizen of heaven. The concept that ties these two images together is just as fascinating – the believer’s calling in Jesus Christ. We no longer belong to the present world system, but are instead the citizens of heaven and pilgrims on the Earth. This calling has four different aspects.

1. Christians are called Out

- a. The English word Ecclesiastical comes from the Greek word Ekklesia which means “a called out assembly”.
 - i. God does not call us because we deserve it; John 15:16a
He calls us because He loves and longs to save us
 - ii. Our calling began in eternity when God the Father Ephesians 1:4
chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world
 - iii. We had nothing to do with His decision Romans 5:8
 - iv. Once you are called out, now you stand out – 1 John 2:15
Our old citizenship was in the world

2. Christians are called Together

- a. We must not get the idea that we are alone in this evil world
- b. For we are not only called out, but we are called together
 - i. All that believed were together Acts 2:44
 - ii. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together Hebrews 10:25

3. Christians are called Forth

- a. We are called out of the world, so that Christ might send us Matthew 28:18-20
back into the world – to save others
- b. We have dual citizenship: we are pilgrims and practitioners
- c. The Lord calls us forth to minister

4. Christians are called Up

- a. Christians are the citizens of heaven
- b. Realizing at any moment you may be called up 1 Corinthians 15:52
- c. We must cultivate a heavenly mindset Colossians 3:2
 - i. That doesn’t mean we become so heavenly minded
that we are no earthly good



Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Who Am I?

Part 4: A Stone in God's Building

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

Intro: Since it was Simon Peter whom Jesus nicknamed “a stone” (John 1:42), it is only fitting that he be selected by the Spirit to tell about Christ the Stone and how we as Christians are related to Him.

1. Jesus Christ the Stone:

- a. What kind of stone is Jesus Christ?
 - i. The Living Stone – because He is the living God 1 Peter 2:4
 - ii. The Chief Cornerstone – Jesus Christ unites all that God is doing to bring things together in this world Psalm 118:22
 - 1. He is the living link between the Old and New Testament
 - iii. The Dependable Stone – the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame Romans 10:11

2. Jesus Christ the Builder:

- a. Growing up in Nazareth, He worked as a carpenter Mark 6:3
- b. Jesus was a builder, and He is still a builder
 - i. In Heaven, He is building His people a home John 14:1
 - ii. On Earth, He is building Himself a church
- c. We are being “built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit”

3. Believers as Builders:

- a. As living stones, believers have a relationship to one another as well as to Jesus Christ 1 Peter 2:5
- b. He is not only the builder but He is also the foundation and Chief Cornerstone of God's Church
 - i. We build by godly example
 - ii. We build by godly speech Colossians 4:6



Pastor Titus A. White, Sr.

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Who Am I?

Part 5: A Priest at God's Altar

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

Intro: God's purpose for the nation of Israel was that it be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. But it failed God and lost its spiritual privileges. The Church now enjoys those privileges - for the New Testament says that we are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation"; a people belonging to God and a kingdom of priests.

1. The Process: Becoming a Priest (Exodus 29)

- | | |
|---|---------------|
| a. They were chosen and called by God. | John 15:16 |
| b. All Christians are chosen and called by God | Ephesians 1:4 |
| c. They were washed. | Exodus 29:4 |
| d. No matter how sinful we may have been, God washed us when we trusted in Jesus. | Titus 3:5 |

2. The Privileges: Ministering as a Priest

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| a. Caring for God's dwelling place | |
| b. What is God's dwelling place on Earth today? The individual believer! | 1 Corinthians 6:19 |
| c. The power and privileges we have. | |

3. The Perils: Defiling the Priesthood

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| | Malachi 1:6 |
| a. Wherever there are privileges, there are perils. | 2 Corinthians 4:7 |
| b. We must be holy priests. | 1 Peter 1:16 |
| c. All Christians are now priests who have the power to pray. | Ephesians 6:18 |



Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Who Am I?

Part 6: A Dedicated Debtor

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

Intro: Thomas Jefferson warned his country that public debt was “the greatest of the dangers to be feared”. He opposed the principle of “spending money to be paid by posterity” and called the practice swindling futurity of a large scale. However, spiritual debts – debts that we Christians owe because we belong to the family of God – rather being a burden, we are a blessing.

1. Our Debt to a Lost World

- a. The good news is that God has provided salvation for a sinful world
- b. We cannot pay this spiritual debt simply by giving money
- c. We must start at home; the light that shines the farthest will shine brightest at home

Romans 1:13-17

John 3:16, Luke 19:10

2. Our Debt to the Holy Spirit of God

- a. As believers we owe nothing to “the flesh”, that is the old nature
- b. Our debt is to the Holy Spirit, who lives in us and makes our bodies His temple

Romans 8:12

Galatians 5:19-21

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

3. Our Debt to Human Government

- a. The purpose of government is to protect and reward the good and punish the evil
- b. As believers, we must be true to our conscience, even if that means disobeying the law

Romans 13:1-6

Acts 4:18-20

4. Our Debt to our Neighbors

- a. Our greatest debt is love – don’t fall short of paying this debt!!
- b. If we would be as faithful to pay our love debt – as we are paying other debts...

Romans 13:8-10

5. Our Debt to weaker Christians

Paul solved the problem by emphasizing the Lordship of Jesus Christ

- a. Receive each other, because Christ has received you
- b. Build each other up, don’t tear down
- c. Seek to please each other as you please Christ

Romans 14:1-15



Pastor Titus A. White, Sr.

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Who Am I?

Part 7: A Soldier in God's Army

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

Intro: In the Army of God, the Lord Jesus is my Commanding Officer. The Holy Bible – my code of conduct, Prayer and the Whole Armor of God are my weapons of warfare. I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity, and tested by fire! I'm a Soldier in the Army of the Lord!!

1. The Soldier's Enlistment

- a. We are all "drafted", selected = called out John 15:16
- b. We were drafted by God through Jesus Christ
- c. As members of God's Army, we follow His commands John 14:15

2. The Soldier's Enablement

- a. We have no strength of our own, but in God's grace 2 Timothy 2:1
- b. Our Commander in Chief knows what's best for us 1 Peter 5:10
- c. Our enemy, Satan, doesn't want us to depend on God's grace
- d. Military training manuals may be outdated but not the Word of God Isaiah 40:8

3. The Soldier's Entanglement

- a. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs; 2 Timothy 2:4
He wants to please his Commanding Officer
- b. Jesus insisted on total commitment and warned, "No man can Matthew 6:24
serve two masters"



Pastor Titus A. White, Sr.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Who Am I?

Lesson 7: A Soldier in God's Army

Part 2

Dr. Warren Wiersbe

Intro: The key text here is Ephesians 6:10-18 where "the whole armor of God" is described. The purpose of this armor is to enable the soldier to "stand" before the battle (v 11), "withstand" during the battle (vs 13), and "stand" after the victory (vs 14). The first is defensive, the second is offensive, but both are important.

Recap:

1. **The Soldier's Enlistment**
2. **The Soldier's Enablement**
3. **The Soldier's Entanglement**
4. **The Soldier's Equipment** – As we study the various parts of the Christian's spiritual armor, we should keep in mind that each part reveals two things:
 - a. The area of need in our lives
 - b. The strategy Satan uses to attack that need

But before we deal with the armor, let's look at the deadly D's that robs our defense:

- i. **Doubt** – a feeling of uncertainty, unsureness
 - ii. **Discouragement** – a loss of confidence or enthusiasm, dispiritedness, to deprive of hope
 - iii. **Discord** – lack of harmony between each other; strife, conflict; bad blood (*we shouldn't have bad blood when we've all been washed in His blood!*)
 - iv. **Disobedience** – refusing to obey rules or someone in authority; insubordination, unruly
 - v. **Disconnect** – having a connection broken; detached, cutoff
- c. Let's look at the first piece of armor in our equipment –
- i. The breastplate of Righteousness
 1. The mind and the emotions are two areas that Satan frequently and fiercely attacks believers
 2. He clouds our minds with – false doctrine, false principles, and false information
 3. He wants to confuse our emotions and thereby pervert our affections, morals, loyalties, goals and commitments
 4. Our protection against such attacks is the breastplate of Righteousness
 5. We must wrap our whole upper body with Righteousness