

WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

The Ephesians Prayer of Revelation” Pt. 3

Thursday, October 6, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)

If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

1. **L... Learning together from God's Word**
2. **I... Interceding through prayer**
3. **F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ**
4. **E...Evangelizing the lost**

PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)

FACILITATION OF LESSON

Sermon Title: “The Ephesians Prayer of Revelation,” Pt.3

POINT I

Ephesians 1:17 is what we call the Ephesian Prayer and it reads, *“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.”* Let this sink in, there are things that are hidden for us in Christ however, God is now revealing those things. We have been given access to Kingdom information. The Ephesians Prayer opens the door to it. In Matthew 13:11 (AMP) the Bible states, *“Jesus replied to them, to you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.”* God wants us to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. Not everyone has this privilege. Verse 12 states, *“For whoever has [spiritual wisdom because he is receptive to God’s word], to him more will be given, and he will be richly and abundantly supplied; but whoever does not have [spiritual wisdom because he has devalued Gods word], even what he has will be taken away from him.”* Wisdom and revelation are tied to the Word of God. In order for you to receive wisdom and revelation you not only need the Holy Spirit, but you also have to value the Word of God.

There are Christians who don’t value the Word of God. They don’t read their Bibles like they need to; they don’t come to church to hear the Word of God, and the Word of God takes the back seat to everything else in their life. Well, the Bible says even what he has will be taken away from him.

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QUESTIONS

1. Why are so many Christians ignorant to spiritual wisdom and the mysteries of God?
2. Why is it important to value the Word of God? If you don't, what will happen?

POINT II

God wants us to start a revolution with the revelation we receive from him. Revolutions begin with revelation. Most of you have heard of Martin Luther, a 16th-century priest and scholar. He started a revolution. I wonder if Martin Luther realized he was starting a revolution when he nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the Wittenberg church door in Germany on October 31, 1517. He rocked the Catholic Church during those times. This action was a bold challenge to the authority of the Roman Catholic Church by one who was a priest and professor of theology.

After Luther was excommunicated from the church in 1521, he translated the Bible into German. Luther's translation of the New Testament was printed in 1522. This affected the church world and the entire nation. Prior to Luther's translation, common people left it to the priests to read and interpret the Bible (people still do this today). It was referred to as the “*Dark Ages*” because people were not allowed to read the Word of God for themselves. They believed the Bible was too holy for common people and only the priest was allowed to handle it. When Luther translated the Bible, the common people were able to read the Bible. No one had to rely only on the priests again this changed the church world and the entire nation.

QUESTION

1. Why is it that Catholic Christians are still ignorant to revelation?

After studying the scriptures, including the writings of the Apostle Paul, Martin Luther had a revelation that, “*The just shall live by faith.*” He came across the passage in **Romans 1:17** where it says, “*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*” He also came across, **Galatians 3:11**, “*But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*” At that time, they were only living by what the priest told them and paying for their faith by buying relics and doing penance.

QUESTION

1. Why do you feel Martin Luther's revelation was so important? Explain!

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POINT III

Martin Luther saw things in the Word of God he had never seen before. This revelation caused a revolution in this thinking. Once again, the word, “**revelation**” means a revealing; something revealed; God’s manifestation of Himself to man; something revealed to man by God and the word “**revolution**” means to effect radical change; any fundamental complete change; the replacement of a government or political system. By revelation knowledge of the scriptures, Martin Luther came to the conclusion that salvation was by faith alone not by works appointed by the church or the sacraments. Eddie L. Hyatt is the author of the book “2000 Years of Charismatic Christianity.” In Hyatt’s book he stated this about Martin Luther, “..when he was challenged concerning the source of his authority by church and civil officials at Worms, *“he relied on the revelation of God to him—through the Word, but via the Spirit in a personal manner.”* Luther’s revelation, that the just shall live by faith, shook the Church World and caused a revolution that affects the church world today.

QUESTIONS

1. By revelation what conclusion did Martin Luther come to that caused a revolution?
2. What did Martin Luther rely on to receive this revelation? What were the results?

POINT IV

There are two more important names in church history that we need to discuss, Charles Parham and William Seymour, the one-eyed black man. They both had an unquenchable desire for God. Charles Parham studied and traveled to gain an understanding of the move of the spirit. Hyatt says of Parham, “...in his opinion, the church of his day lacked the power necessary to fulfill the mandate of the Great Commission. He yearned for that outpouring from heaven that would make the church a dynamic force in the earth, both in word and in deed.”

QUESTION

1. Why was Charles Parham so adamant about a revolutionary change? Should we have that same zeal? Explain why!

In 1906, William Seymour applied to Parham’s Bible School. Southern segregation laws posed a number of problems for William Seymour. Parham, nonetheless, skirted the legal restrictions by arranging for Seymour to sit in an adjoining room where, through an open door, he was able to listen to the lectures. William Seymour could only see out of one of his eyes. He could see more with his one eye than most people could see with two, because he could see the things of God. In other words, he had a spirit of wisdom and revelation that ultimately led to the Azusa Street revival in 1906. Even with his natural

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eyesight impaired, his supernatural vision caused a revolution. The Assemblies of God denomination was birth out of that revolution as were other ministries around the world.

QUESTION

1. How did the spirit of wisdom and revelation bypass racism? Explain

There was an outpouring of the Holy Ghost and people were being filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. There were miracles, signs and wonders that spread across the state of California and beyond. Minister walker had a book on the children that were affected by the Azusa Street Revivals. It was called “AZUSA Street, They Told Me Their Stories by Tom Welch. They told their stories of the supernatural things they witnessed as children.

QUESTION

1. What were the results of William Seymour’s revelation of the Holy Spirit?

In the 1940’s God used Oral Roberts in the healing revival. Later, Kenneth E Hagin, Sr. also known as Dad Hagin revolutionized a whole generation of believers with the revelation of how faith works. You’ll find his books around the world in all different languages. In the 1960’s and 1970’s teenagers and young adults started what was known as the Jesus movement. Anytime there is a revolution, you can be sure that someone has received a revelation from God. Over and over again, we can see that God is looking for someone who will dare to believe that his Word is true. The men and women who dare to act like the Bible is true have fueled revolutions for centuries around the world. Wisdom and revelation is the language of breakthrough.

QUESTIONS

1. How did God use men like Oral Roberts and Kenneth to start a revolution? Do you know of any examples?
2. How does a revolution come about?
3. What is God looking for today?

CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

PRAISE REPORTS - *2-MINUTES PER PERSON

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PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)

Prayer focus:

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
 - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian and the ministerial staff.
 - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

Have you reached out to your circle today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

1. Generation 6:20 Youth Ministry, Friday Night Live, Friday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. There is a \$1.00 admission fee to Friday Night Live. For more information contact Minister Julie Francis.
2. Join us for Baby Dedication, Sunday, October 9th at 10:00 am. To register see Minister Abbott or call the church office at (340) 774-8617.
3. WOFICC Membership Classes, Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. To register please see Minister Abbott.
4. Single with Purpose is have a Smoothie Extravaganza combined with a Movie on Friday, October 14th @7:00 pm. Invite a friend and “Let’s Blend.” For more information contact Minister Bachelor or send email to singlewithpurpose2019@gmail.com.
5. WOFICC Membership Classes, Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. To register please see Minister Abbott on Sister Lilly Chalwell.
6. Join us on Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm for Thanksgiving Praise & Worship Day Service at Word of Faith (formerly the Old Mill). Join us as we give God praise for delivering us from hurricanes, earthquakes, natural and man made disasters. Invite someone to join us.

It will be night of praise, worship and the Word. You don’t want to miss it! Ministry of the Word by Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact the church office at (340) 774-8617 or email wordoffaithvi@gmail.com. Join Covenant Partners Ministry for "A Lover's Stroll," Friday, October 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Invite a couple! For more information, contact Minister Oysterman by email at wofcovenantpartners@gmail.com.

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7. Join us for Early Morning Prayer, Monday- Friday from 6:00 am - 7:00 am and Saturday’s at 10:00 am. Join us on the Miracle Line where sickness disappear and wholeness appears through Jesus Christ on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 11:00 am by conference call, Facebook, YouTube and the Word of Faith Website. The call-in number for the Early Morning Prayer and the Miracle Line is (717) 908-1834, access code 755875#.

Then Join us for Noon Day Prayer, with Evangelist Sharon Walker. Join us for 1-hour to pray. This is an In-person Prayer Service at Word of Faith.

Pastor and Evangelist Walker have launched an initiative called **WOFICC CARES**. It is their desire to serve the needs of the families in our church, in our community and throughout the Caribbean. Your help is needed! Monetary donations are being accepted to be a blessing to those truly in need. When making your donation to please write "*Gift for WOFICC CARES.*" **WOFICC CARES** about our church family! **WOFICC CARES** about our community! **WOFICC CARES** about the Islands of the Caribbean!

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CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL
