

Sunday, October 06, 2013

Offense-Unforgiveness-Bitterness

Pastor Charlie wanted to clarify the misunderstanding about the New Convert Classes on Wednesday nights. They will be starting on October 16th at the regular sermon time of 7:00 pm.

This Wednesday October 9th, John Zimmerman will be sharing on the coming of the Four Blood Moons in 2014 and 2015 and how they align with prophecies of the end times. We should all be well informed about the end time prophecies!

We are all challenged with offences; the Bible says it is impossible for offenses not to come. It is so easy to get offended now-a-days. Unfortunately offenses turn into unforgiveness and unforgiveness turns into bitterness. Bitterness is such an ugly thing to have working in us. Hebrews 12:15 says, "...lest any root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by this many become defiled." Bitterness doesn't just hurt us it spreads to those we are around and the ones they are with. Everything looks different when we have bitterness going on in our lives.

In the ministry we are called upon to help people because that is what Jesus would do, everyone no matter their past or present circumstances are seen as valuable and precious in the eyes of God. You will talk to people 50-60 years old and they will tell you about something that happened to them when they were 10 years old, it's still bothering them, it has affected their lives for years literally. They didn't deal with it, probably didn't know how to deal with it. We are going to shear with you some principles of how to bestow forgiveness and how to get over those things. Jesus didn't give us faith to not have any mountains but He gave us mountain and problem removing faith! He gave us faith to get over the problems or challenges. He always promises He won't leave us alone in those challenges when they come, He said He would never leave us nor forsake us. Whatever happens, it sometimes inflicts pain, on the inside, and we try to cover it up with habits and addictions, or maybe other ways that are more acceptable like excessive shopping or clothing. Whatever maybe, just staying busy, busy, busy. We try to cover it up and never deal with the source of the pain that was inflicted on us. Over the years He has developed a little saying for himself or others that you can 'Get better not bitter' because of an incident. You have to decide that you are going to be better for this incident, you're not going to be bitter, you're going to grow and get stronger. You're going to be more like Jesus, like He would think, and like He would act. We encourage you to get better not let that insidious root to grow in you and not only defile you but the Bible teaches us that it will defile others around us.

If you want to live your best days here on the earth and not wait till heaven, not heaven is going to be better certainly. The scripture says our days on earth can be as heaven on earth, when we begin to implement the word of God in our lives. We have to learn to release other who have hurt us. Not only that be to allow the anointing of the Messiah/Jesus heal the hurts on the inside, sometimes that no one can see. Life is too short to stay angry and life is too short to let all this angry bitter stuff to remain inside us. Resentment, malice, spite, ill will, trying to get even, life is too short for that. Fifty-four

percent of Jesus teaching came from real life issues that He was around or many times people would ask Him. Answering peoples questions and the challenges of just living life that was going on around Jesus in His early ministry of 3-3 1/2 years. We will touch on some of Jesus' principles of the Kingdom on earth. 2 Cor 2: 10 & 11 "To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also: for if I forgave anything, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." We are going to be knowledgeable, we are going to be aware, and we are going to know how the adversary works. We cannot allow unforgiveness to remain in our lives because it will give Satan an advantage. If there is anything he doesn't need is an advantage. Because you and I have been raised up, made to sit together with Jesus in heavenly places all things put under our feet. It is the desire of the father to have the believer have the word of God instilled in them to the degree that they rule and reign in this life in the authority of the Name of Jesus Christ. Most of us know that if you go to a doctor and he prescribes a medicine or physical therapy and you do it as he has told you, you will be healed. Because you are persistent and thorough in following the directions. It is the individual that is persistent in meditating on and hearing the word of God that is going to enjoy the benefits of that. He said 'Son attend to my Word, incline thy ear unto my saying and let them not depart before thine eyes, for they are life for all those who find it, and medicine to their flesh. So we want to be consistent in relationship to purposing to being doers of the word and not just hearer only.

In the area of forgiveness Satan has an advantage, if we don't deal with unforgiveness. There isn't anyone of us that on purpose want to allow unforgiveness in our life. I will be the first to admit that sometimes it seems unjust to have to forgive some instances. But Jesus forgave us of such an astronomical debt. He said in the Scriptures that you and I should become bestowers of forgiveness because He first forgave us. In chapter 18 of Matthew, Jesus teaches us how important forgiveness is. He says this is the way the Kingdom of Heaven works and begins in Luke chapter 17 to tell us when we are born again the Kingdom of Heaven is in us. Now if we don't understand how the Kingdom of Heaven works then we will probably walk out of that, but if we understand it we will begin to walk in that. 20+ times Jesus says 'you have heard but I say unto you, we once were in darkness and we lived, thought, acted like this, but now we are in the Kingdom of Heaven and we are going to renew our mind and think a little different way than we did in darkness, we are going to have different behavior.

Now in Eph. 4:32 "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." this is something we purpose to do for the long haul when we decide to follow the Lord then we will become tender hearted. God forgives you and I based on to what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross, His death, His burial, His resurrection, and His ascension. He does not forgive us because we deserve it or because we do everything right, he forgives us because of what Jesus did. We should forgive people because Jesus first forgave us when we did nothing to merit forgiveness. Jerry Savelle while studying late one night had a vision of the late Buddy Harrison, (a very good friend of Jerry's Buddy told Jerry that he had a message for him, 'The Lord did say that he was really displeased about Christian people in the Body of Christ being critical of one another, and criticizing one another. It is far more serious in God's eyes than people think.' In 1 Peter 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: KJV

then also in the AMP For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good—whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil and his lips from guile (treachery, deceit). If you are going to love life now-a-days you are going to have to deal with what you would call a critical spirit, you can't let yourself become critical of everything and everyone. You are men and women of faith so you are going to learn to live like Jesus lived.

Statistics say that 80% of all people deal with a critical spirit. We as Christian people need to learn how to deal with offence. Offend or offense means to cause someone to stumble and fall away. It is the trigger if the trap, the trap stick where you put the bait. We are not ignorant of Satan's ways; he uses the bait of offense disguise so well that it doesn't even look like a trap till it is too late. We fall into that trap unknowingly and we stay caught in that trap till we ask forgiveness and we bestow forgiveness. Offense, unforgiveness, and bitterness all interfere with our prayer life, it hinders our faith, and it robs us of joy and peace. When Jesus taught on prayer in the Lord's Prayer the classic; He taught on forgiveness. When He taught on faith; He taught on forgiveness. When He taught on coming to the altar to praying and learning to give thanksgiving; He taught on forgiveness. Because it is a blessing blocker, having offense is a blessing blocker. So He is telling us in the Kingdom how to think, how to act so we don't slam the door on the goodness of God that is coming to us.

Mark 11:25 Amp And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and [a]let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop. Learn to live a life of forgiveness, forgive as soon as the offense happens, as soon as it happens let it go. DROP IT, LEAVE IT, LET IT GO! You trap a monkey by putting the bait in something with a hole small enough that they can't get there hand out when they grabbed the bait. The monkey screeches, and flips and howls and has a fit, but they won't let go and be free. Don't keep telling people about the offense or you will get right back in the snare of unforgiveness. Just tell yourself you have more since than a monkey, you can drop it, leave it and let it go. The Holy Spirit on the inside of us will warn us of a trap if we just listen. You have to have the desire to forgive. 1Peter 3:16 AMP [And see to it that] your conscience is entirely clear ([a]unimpaired), so that, when you are falsely accused as evildoers, those who threaten you abusively and revile your right b

Mat 5:43-45 You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy; But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,]To show that you are the children of your Father Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers [alike]. Behavior in Christ may come to be ashamed [of slandering your good lives].