

Intro:

XI. Spiritual Privileges - Part 2 - Security, Affection, Election, and Dominion

A. Security In Christ - vs 6

1. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,
 - a. testifying of the inspiration and authority of the prophetic book
 - b. quotes Isaiah 28:16
2. "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,
 - a. come view
 - b. Zion
 - i. Israel more specifically, the mountain in Jerusalem
 - ii. As Mt Sanai relates to the old covenant, Mt Zion relates to the New - Ga 4:24-25
 - iii. Mt Sanai refers to judgment, Zion refers to heavenly blessings - Heb 12:18-23
 - c. A chief cornerstone - - Isa 28:16; Ro 9:33
 - i. **akrogoniaios** - belonging to the extreme corner:--chief corner.
 - ii. The stone by which all the proper angles of the house are determined
 - iii. Christ perfectly lived out the moral law on our behalf
 - d. elect
 - i. God's chosen One is a theme in the OT - (review notes on vs 4)
 - ii. **eklektos** - select; by implication, favorite:--chosen, elect.
 - e. precious,
 - i. **entimos** - valued:--dear, more honorable, precious, in reputation.
 - ii. Refers to being unequalled in value, costly, irreplaceable
3. And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."
 - a. those who put their trust in Him - Ro 10:9
 - b. **kataischuno** - to shame down, disgrace, put to the blush:--confound, dishonor, (be a-, make a-)shame(-d).
 - i. denotes being deceived in some confidence
 - ii. Or placing hope in someone to have it dashed
 - c. Isa 54:4-5 "Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. For your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.
 - d. Paul's confidence was not dissimilar, the answer to the ? What shall separate us from the love of God? - Ro 8:37-39

B. Affection for Christ - vs 7-8 Ps 118:22; Mt 21:42; Ac 4:11

1. Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious
 - a. Jesus told the Jews, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, - JO 8:42a
 - b. another spiritual privilege, God put within us a love for Him
2. but to those who are disobedient,
 - a. quotes OT again
 - i. - "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," - Ps 118:22 - as dealt with in vs 4, the Jews had examined Christ with their preconceived ideas and rejected Him
 - ii. Also became "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." - Is 8:14-15

- b. when they rejected Him, then they stumble over Him
- 3. They stumble,
 - a. when they stumble, it is into judgment
 - b. it is b/c they are being disobedient to the word,
 - c. to which they also were appointed.

- i. **tithemi** - advise, appoint, bow, commit, conceive, give, lay (aside, down, up), make, ordain, purpose, put, set (forth), settle, sink down.
- ii. God does not actively destine people to unbelief
- iii. He does appoint judgment on every unbeliever

C. Election by Christ - vs 9a

- 1. But you are a chosen generation,
 - a. **eklektos** - same as Christ, see above
 - b. based on the sovereign electing purposes of God

2. 5 related superlatives

- a. completely a sovereign choice of God, pride crushing - Eph 2:8-9
- b. totally by divine grace, God exalting - Ro 9:23; Eph 1:6-7; 2:7; 2 Th 2:13
- c. b/c God set His love on believers before the world began, the most holiness promoting doctrine - Ro 6:17; 7:25
- d. b/c it is eternal and unchangeable the most strength giving doctrine - Ps 85:8
- e. b/c is the surest hope, the most joy producing spiritual privilege - 1:21; Eph 4:4

D. Dominion with Christ - vs 9b

1. a royal priesthood,

- a. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. - Ex 19:6
 - i. Israel forfeited the right by apostasy and rejection of her Messiah
 - ii. NT believers gain this privilege in the new covenant

b. **basileios** - kingly (in nature):--royal.

- i. normally refers to the royal residence,
- ii. but can refer to the sovereignty or monarchy
- iii. Conveys the idea of royalty

c. duties of the priests with the King

- i. they serve the King by having access to his presence
- ii. The rule with the king in his kingdom

d. The only one that can establish such a royal house is Christ

- i. He is King - Is 9:7; Zech 9:9; Mt 2:2; Lk 1:33; Jo 1:49; 12:12-15; 18:36-37; 19:19; Rev 19:16
- ii. He is Priest - Ps 110:4; Heb 4:15

- Heb 7:14-17 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

- Melchizedek was both king and priest and therefore the model of the royal priest - Ge 14:18-20

2. Practical implications of Christian privilege

- a. we are sufficiently qualified to deal with relational problems w/o secular help - 1Co 6:1-4
- b. we will have dominion over heavenly realms, how much more should we have dominion over self here