

Sunday June 3, 2018

David's Ministry -- and Ours

I. SELECTION

How did David become King of Israel?

- GOD selected him.
- 3 anointings – 1 Samuel 16:13, 2 Samuel 2:7, 5:3

If you know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, God SELECTED you.

John 15:16- “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? You have

- FORGIVENESS of your sins
- FREEDOM from guilt
- FOREVER place in heaven
- FULNESS of the Holy Spirit

II. STONE in God's building

David came to the throne of a divided, desperate, decadent nation.

“Doesn't that sound like the scene we see in churches today? You know, we resign ourselves to division until an outside enemy threatens the whole church.

In countries where the church is persecuted, people immediately forget divisions. They be just a little band of believers who help each other, and cling together like brothers and sisters and they are.

When David came to power in Israel, one of his greatest desires was to destroy the internal enemies and unite the nation. He was firmly committed to make the nation one. He had a deep inner desire for unity. He wanted Israel to become all that God had intended it to be, and he knew that could only happen when the nation was one.” (Luis Palau)

1 Peter 2:4-5 – “You come to Him (Jesus), a living stone, rejected by man but in the sight of God chosen and precious, and you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

“There is an important parallel here for Christians. You can never be fully a person after God's own heart if there are members of the Body of Christ you can't tolerate.

There are many people who live like the Pharisees. They love those who love them. But they have no tolerance at all for anybody who is 'different'. Few people love ALL the Body of Christ.

Acts 20:28 says very clearly that the church, the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ – was purchased with Christ's own blood.

Do you long to be God's person? If so, you ought to love the whole Body of Christ. It isn't some phony sort of sentiment. It is rather allowing the Spirit of Christ to so control you that His love for His body flows through you.

Are you willing to allow Him to do this in your life? God cannot pour out His full blessings on someone who doesn't genuinely love everyone redeemed by the blood of the cross. Think about this truth. The issues at stake are greater than you imagine." (Luis Palau)

How can we – together – be stones?

- 1) INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP
- 2) IDENTIFICATION
- 3) INTEGRATION Ephesians 4:15-16 (NASB)¹⁵ **but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.**
- 4) INVITATION - to offer spiritual sacrifices
 1. GIVE of yourself to the Master (Romans 12:1-2)
 2. GLADLY praise God from a pure heart (Hebrews 13:15)
 3. GOOD works (Hebrews 13:16)
 4. GOSPEL proclamation by deed, word, lifestyle (Romans 15:16)
 5. GIVING up one's desires and preferences for the good of others. (Galatians 5:2)

IN EVERYTHING WE DO, SAY, ACT AND DECIDE:

- #1 GLORIFY GOD
- #2 GET the log out of your eye
- #3 GENTLY restore
- #4 GO and be reconciled