

## Message 3

# OUR RESPONSE TO THE VISION AND CONSUMMATION OF THE RICHES OF CHRIST

## I. CONSECRATION

**1 Corinthians 6:20** For you were bought with a price...

**Romans 12:1** I beg you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice...which is your most reasonable service

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** For the love of Christ constrains us...that those who live may no longer live to themselves, but to Him....

**Ecclesiastes 11:10- 12:1** ...youth and the dawn of life are vanity. Be mindful of your Creator in the days of your youth...

## II. PURSUING THE LORD THROUGH THE HEALTHY LIFE PRACTICES

**Philippians 4:9** The thing which you have also learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.

### A. Calling on the Lord

**Romans 10:12**..the same Lord of all is rich to all who call upon Him

**1 Corinthians . 1:2** ...call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place.

**Hebrews 13:15**...let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name.

### B. Reading the Word

**Colossians 3:16a** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ....

**Romans 10:17** Faith comes out of hearing, and hearing from the word of Christ

**Ephesians 6:17-18** And receive ...the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God, by means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit...

### C. Rising Early to Seek the Lord

**Exodus 16:21** And they gathered it every morning...and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

**Lamentations. 3:22-23** ... Jehovah's... compassions do not fail; they are new every morning

**Psalms 63:1** O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee....

### D. Praying & Confessing

**Luke 18:1** He told them...that they ought always to pray and not lose heart

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous that He may forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

## III. PURSUING THE LORD BY KNOWING THE TASTE OF LIFE AND WALKING ACCORDING TO THE MINGLED SPIRIT

**1 Peter 2:3** If you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Deuteronomy. 30:19** ...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life ....

**1 Corinthians. 6:17** But he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

**Romans 8:6** ...the mind set on the spirit is life and peace

**Galatians 5:25** ...walk by the Spirit.

## IV. PURSUING BY KEEPING OUR LOVE FOR THE LORD FRESH

**Revelation 2:2-5**

2 I know your works and your labor and your endurance and that you cannot bear evil men....

3 And you have endurance and have borne all things because of My name and have not grown weary.

4 But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.

5 Remember therefore where you have fallen from and repent and do the first works; but if not, I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent.

## **V. PURSUING BY FORGETTING THE THINGS BEHIND AND STRETCHING FORWARD**

### **Philippians 3:13-14**

13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.