

Sunday, July 4, 2021

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”
Compare - Revelation 1:1-13

Title: Vulnerability to the Headship of Jesus Christ

Series: Vulnerability ... 4

Text: Ephesians 1:1-23

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation to BELIEVE that every disciple has been divinely CALLED, PLACED, GIFTED and TASKED into the BODY of Jesus Christ, and that He is now and always the HEAD of the BODY.

Introduction:

Review of June 27 devotional:

Vulnerability to the Holy Spirit

1. Rejecting Confidence in the Flesh, Philippians 3:7
2. Realizing the Weakness of the Flesh, Romans 7:21 - 25
3. Repenting from Walking in the Flesh, Romans 8:3 - 4
4. Receiving the Holy Spirit, Luke 11:1 - 13

~ **Vulnerable**, from www.talkspace; “But you’re not alone; many people grapple with vulnerability. If you tend to keep things bottled up or ignore problems, it’s important to learn how to be vulnerable. Not only is it key to emotional change, but vulnerability can also help make friends, learn new perspectives, and succeed in therapy.”

~ Read Ephesians 1:1 - 23

1. Divinely CALLED:

~ Ephesians 1:3 – 6, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, (4) even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love (5) he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, (6) to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.”

~ John 6:44, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”

~ John 6:65, “And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

~ 1 Corinthians 1:27 – 31, “But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; (28) God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, (29) so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. (30) And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, (31) so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

2. Divinely PLACED:

~ 1 Corinthians 12:18 – 21, “But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. (19) If all were a single member, where would the body be? (20) As it is, there are many parts, yet on body.”

~ Romans 9:20 – 21, “But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” (21) Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?”

~ Job 38:4 - 5, “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding. (5) Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?”

3. Divinely GIFTED:

~ Romans 12:1 – 21, Personal understanding – these are MOTIVATIONAL gifts.

~ 1 Corinthians 12:1 – 11, Personal understanding – these are MANIFESTED gifts.

~ Ephesians 4:1 -14, Personal understanding – these are MINISTRY gifts.

~ Ephesians 1:3 – 4, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, (4) even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.”

4. Divinely TASKED:

~ Ephesians 2:8 – 10, “for by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Conclusion:

Communion