

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT PT 23
Fall Growth Group Notes Week 3
PASTOR BOB RICE: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Main Text: Ephesians 4:1-7

⁴ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in ^[c]you all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Lesson Premise: I believe that the majority of the members of NEBC are pretty good individual Christians.

Lesson Goal: To convince you that it is God's will, and in your best interest to become great team players.

Review:

1. Man's purpose is to be God's management team assigned to administer God's will on the earth.
2. As a result of satanic intervention, sin entered into the world and mankind has been split between those who align with God's will, and those who align against it.
3. The result is two kingdoms that people fall under the authority of:
 - The Kingdom of God
 - The World
4. The world system is currently loosely organized under nations, religions, and other powerful institutions.
 - Babel
 - Villages
 - City States
 - Nations
 - Regions

5. Currently the world is being organized into a one world system that the Bible calls Babylon.
 - One world totalitarian government
 - One world totalitarian religion
 - One world totalitarian economic system

6. The Church is called out of this darkness into the marvelous light of Jesus Christ. We are not alone in this life. We are members of an eternal, universal family called the Church of Jesus Christ.

7. Our basic assignments in life are to:
 - Know, obey, and enjoy God and all of His blessings.
 - Help our brothers and sisters know, obey, enjoy God and all of His blessings.
 - Rescue unbelievers so that they can know, obey, and enjoy God and all of His blessings.

8. The Christian life is designed by God to be lived in community.
 - God's design has always been for man to function in community, as family.
 - The Bible is essentially a book of families.

○ It is not good	○ The Genealogies
○ Able and Cain	○ David
○ Noah	○ Jesus
○ Abraham (Israel)	○ Church

9. From God's vantage point; the body of Christ and our place in it is the central context of every believer's life not an optional add-on.

10. Last week we learned that God has gifted the church with leaders to guide us into individual and corporate maturity and unity.

Lesson Notes:

1. Success begins by being who GOD has call you to be (don't make it up).

Ephesians 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling, with which you were called,

- None of us came to God on our own.
- God called us because he want's something.
- We were called by God to fulfill his purpose.
- We ask children, what do you want to be when you grow up?
- Perhaps a more constructive question might be, what does God want you to be when you grow up?

- 2. To get along well with others, (to be a great team player) certain virtues need to be present:**

Ephesians 4:2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

- 3. Being a great team player is counterintuitive, exhaustive purposeful effort needs to be placed on it.**

Ephesians 4:3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

- 4. We as members of the body of Christ have much in common, we need to leverage it.**

Ephesians 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
Ephesians 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
Ephesians 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

- 5. We need you and you need us, because God has split up the resources among us.**

Ephesians 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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Questions:

1. From Sunday's Sermon, was there a particular point, comment, or scripture that caught your attention or challenged you?

2. What is (define) success in life?

3. Describe "the call" of God on the life of every believer.

4. Why is it important for every believer to be a great team player? (what's in it for them?)

5. What are some possible outcomes for believers who aren't good team players?

6. Give some examples of how good and bad players effect the:

- Church
- Family
- Job

7. List some ways that you or others can become better team players.

8. List some personal obstacles that people run into when trying to become good team players.

9. What does every believer have in common with each other?
