Back To School School Rooms

Reading: <u>Philippians 4:9–13</u>

Introduction:

- Subdivisions of a school building divide the school into areas like a house
 - In a house you have the kitchen, the bedrooms, the living room, a den
 - In a school, you have classrooms, offices, cafeteria, and a gymnasium
- In Christianity, there are different areas that are illustrated by the school
 - We want to look at those today

1. Classroom

- The Place To Study
- <u>2 Timothy 2:15</u> Be diligent (Study) to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
 - Studying involves a lot of reading
 - But it also involves reflecting on what we read
 - Sometimes we need help with what we read

Acts 8:30–31 Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I,

unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

- The Place For Instruction
- <u>2 Timothy 3:16</u> All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for <u>instruction</u> in righteousness,
 - There are different forms and methods of instruction
 - Teachers at school use various methods, we need to go to the classroom of God and listen and watch and experience his instruction.
 - Learn from His word
 - Learn from each other's examples
 - Learn from the experience we obtain through obeying His word

2. Cafeteria

- The place for eating. What does eating have to do with Christianity?
- John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.
- <u>Matthew 5:6</u> Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.
 - ['] Jesus had a hunger for righteousness and wanted us to have the same.
- Christ is our food:
- John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.
 - Jesus is the food we need because he brings us spiritual nourishment
 - Like one song says,
 - "He satisfies and every need supplies. Yes, He knows just what I need."
- There is also a great feast that awaits us in eternity

John 6:27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

- In the Parable in Mt. 22, Jesus wants us all to feast from His table
- Not everyone will because so many reject Him, or fail his instructions
- 3. Gymnasium

- The Place For Exercise
- **<u>1 Tim. 4:7–8</u>** But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.
 - We need to exercise godly living, holiness, discerning right from wrong
- The Place For Training
 - People train for all sorts of things, some even for evil <u>2 Peter 2:14</u>
 - Those who follow Christ train for the Lord. We need good training

Luke 6:40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

4. Principal's Office

- It can be an honor to go to the principal's office
 - A student may be invited to this office to receive an award
 - Students can be awarded for exemplary work:
 - The President's Educational Excellence Award
 - Citizen Award
 - The Young Scientist Award, among so many others...
- <u>**1 Timothy 6:12</u>** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on <u>**eternal life**</u>, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.</u>
- It can also be fearful to go to the principal's office

<u>Hebrews 10:31</u> It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

- Why? Because He is the righteous judge. He will provide vengeance
- He is the one who separates the good students from the bad.

Conclusion

- There may be <u>many rooms</u> that we could compare. John 14:2
 - The restroom-There is a place of rest for all who follow Jesus Mt. 11:28
 - The supply room

<u>Philippians 4:19</u> my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

- The boiler room-That place that keeps our environment comfortable because God is the God of all comfort <u>2 Cor. 1:3</u>
- God has provided us the school so we can learn what we need to learn to come to Him and live our lives beneficially to ourselves and others.
- There's one last place, <u>the wash room</u>, if you need your sins washed away, the baptistry is ready for you.