



Session Two

Overview:

- Ephesians 2: 1 - 10 did a good job of outlining
 - “Our Position - Past Tense” and
 - “Our Position - Present Tense”
 - This draws us “together” with God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ
 - That draws us “together” in a deeply meaningful way with our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Unfortunately, we prefer independence as opposed to dependency on the Lord or interdependency with others, and we prefer self-reliance and control.
- We do not want to be perceived as weak and/or needy for fear of what others might think or how we might be taken advantage of, and we don’t want to be disappointed or get hurt.

I Corinthians 12

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 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 one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Discussion Questions:

What are your thoughts about suffering **and** rejoicing together?

Why is “the fear of getting hurt” such a big fear for most people?

How tempting is “self-reliance” for you?

What is your take-away from today’s lesson?

Next Week: Psalm 133

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.



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