



# **Summer Study**

## **2024 – Session Five**

# Review From:



Week One

Week Two

Week Three

Week Four

# Our Position – Past Tense

- Dead in trespasses and sins in which you once walked
- Following the course of this world
- Following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience
- Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh
- Carrying out the desires of the body and mind
- Were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind

Our  
Position –  
**Present  
Tense**

But God,....  
made us alive  
“together”  
with Christ!!

# All Suffer Together

# All Rejoice Together

But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. (1 Corinthians 12: 24 b – 26)

# **What our Culture has to say:**

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I have no “need” of you!

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The “weaker” parts are dispensable!

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Strive to earn the greater honor!

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Self reliance is a good thing!

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Don't ever be a burden to anyone!

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Stay away from “messy” people!

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Control your emotions!

# WE ARE TOGETHER!

We are no longer alone!

We have been made alive together with Christ!

We are a part of a body!

We no longer have to be self-reliant.

We no longer need to fear being a burden to others.

# 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.



# **Enemies of Unity**

- I'm right, your wrong!
- Needing to agree on everything
- Inability to listen
- My way or the highway!
- Unforgiveness
- **Pettiness**

# Romans 12: 6 - 8

6 Having gifts **that differ** according to the grace given to us, **let us use them**: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

# Do you see the purpose of the Body?

Serving

Teaching

Exhorting

Contributing

Leading

Acts of  
Mercy

**And Now For**

**WEEK FIVE!**

# II Corinthians 12: 7 – 8

7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

# II Corinthians 12: 9 – 10

9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

# HUMILITY

## *Tapeinophrosynē* (Greek):

- having a humble opinion of one's self
- a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness
- modesty, humility, lowliness of mind

# HUMILITY

## Webster's Definition

- The freedom from pride or arrogance



# HUMILITY

## Pat's Definition

- I can say, “I am sorry.”
- I can say, “Thank you.”
- I seek to first understand, not be understood.
- I can ask for help.

# HUMILITY

**Let's see what Paul  
and Peter had to say**

# Ephesians 4

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

# Philippians 2

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

# Philippians 2

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.** 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# Colossians 3

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12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, **humility**, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything **together** in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

# 1 Peter 5

5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

HUMILITY?

HOW?



# **By Remembering**

**Our Present Tense Position**

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Our  
Position –  
**Present  
Tense**

Ephesians 2: 4 - 6

**But God**, being rich in mercy,  
because of the great love with  
which he loved us, **5 even**  
**when we were dead** in our  
trespasses, **made us alive**  
**together with Christ**—by  
grace you have been saved—  
**6** and raised us up with him  
and seated us with him in the  
heavenly places  
**in Christ Jesus,**

# Colossians 3

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

AMEN!

Next Week: Thom Maryon

“Together”:  
Moving from  
Isolation to Community

Thom leads our “Men’s Care Groups” and will be  
“**teaching**” from Proverbs 18: 1 & Romans 15: 5 – 7

# Discussion Questions

- What, for you, is the hardest thing about accepting “weakness” as Paul mentioned in 2 Cor. 12: 7 - 10?
- Can you share a time when you have experienced someone responding to you in “humility”?
- What makes living in our “present tense” so difficult?
- Where do you personally go in terms of application with this lesson ?