

## **Joined and Held Together in Love**

We are living under the guidance of God and also among people. Therefore, our relationship with God and people will determine everything about us. God has hidden great mysteries and blessings in our lives and in all our “meetings”. When we lose God, we lose all “relationships” and the blessings brought by it. We feel isolated living among people because of our autistic life. The more we try to reconcile with people, the more hurts we get. How can we restore all “relationships” and enjoy a blessed living?

### **1. All nations are from “One Body” and God’s important plan is in human relationship**

- 1) God gives us many meetings and relationships <Ge 2:24>
  - (1) Meetings of Family: Husband & wife, Children, Father & Son, Siblings, Relatives
  - (2) Meetings of Workplace: Colleagues, Superiors and Subordinates
  - (3) Meetings of Saints: Parts of Christ’s body, Co-workers, those in front as well as sheeps and disciples led by oneself
  - (4) Meeting of Neighbors: Elders, Peers, Junior
- 2) One body that came from one ancestor (bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh) <Ge 2:23>
- 3) Possess the same promise and blessing <Ge 1:27-28>
- 4) A relationship that love each other, help each other and co-work with each other <Ge 2:18-20>
- 5) Hidden in this relationship is an infinite potential of “being fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth ....” <Ge 1:27-28, 9:1-3, 12:1-3>

### **2. However, all human relationships are broken <Ge 3:1-24>**

- 1) The moment man departs from God, all relationships are broken <Ge 3:1-6>
- 2) Relationship with Self is broken <Ge 3:7-10>
- 3) Relationship with Others is broken <Ge 3:12,16>
- 4) Even the relationship with All things is also broken <Ge 3:17-18>
- 5) Lose the glorious purpose that God has created man for <Ge 3:19,23>
- 6) Therefore, all human relationships change into that of competition, jealousy and interests-focused <Ge 4:1-7>
- 7) The closer the relationship, the greater and deeper the hurts

### **3. The method of this world cannot bring about fundamental healing <Ge 4:1-24>**

- 1) Because totally do not understand the fundamental cause of illness (Spiritual and power problem) <Jn 8:44; Eph 2:1-3>
- 2) Therefore, the method and procedure of healing are incorrect <Ge 3:7, 4:3>
- 3) The ultimate objective of healing is also wrong <Ge 4:20-22>
- 4) The result of the healing work will bring about even greater problem <Ge 4:7, 24>

### **4. Only through the cross are we able to receive complete healing in human relationship <Ge 3:15, 21; Eph 2:1-22; 1Pe 2:6-7>**

- 1) Through the cross, we are able to understand man’s “fundamental problem” and the fact that “man is victimized and also powerless” <Eph 2:1-3>

- 2) Through the cross, we are able to differentiate two kinds of man. For those perishing, the cross becomes a stumbling stone whereas for those beloved, the cross becomes the capstone that “makes the two become one and reconcile with God” <1Pe 2:7; Eph 2:16>
- 3) Through the cross, we first receive the born again life, eternal belonging and relationship, and through it, we must be assured of the everlasting promises given by God <Eph 2:4-7>
- 4) To glorify God, bless people and build Christ body (church) as the only motive and purpose of whole life <Eph 2:11-22>
- 5) The human relationship with non-believers is to love them, empathized them and focus on their receiving of mercy and salvation when praying for them <2Co 5:14-19>
- 6) The human relationship with believers is to love one another and become one body. Each part of the body joined and held together by Christ, making Christ body grow until the numbers of the saved are full, then the Lord will come again <Eph 4:1-16>

**5. Will discover that God’s abundant blessings will continue to expand when we decide to bless all our meetings and relationships**

- 1) Our 7 fields possess the mystery of building God’s Kingdom and besides that, He opens the blessing of meetings daily
- 2) When we have decided to bless people, healing will take place in all our ironical human relationships and constructive work also arises concurrently
- 3) The foremost thing for us is to often be filled with the Holy Spirit and grasp God’s timetable
- 4) Understand one’s gift and position, joined and held together to grow for the sake of Christ’s body, bringing about a role of “sober judgment” <Ro 12:3-4>
- 5) Admire others’ gift and virtue and use them to fill our shortcomings to become one perfect body <Ro 12:5-8; Eph 4:16>
- 6) Must also distinguish the relationships between Elders, Peers and Juniors, and respect the seniority and authority given by God <Ro 13:1-7>
- 7) Within the operations of all interpersonal relationships, the most important is “Love”. Only love can cover all weaknesses of man and clear all boundaries between all parts of Christ body, joining them together with life and liveliness <Ro 13:8-10>