

Week 3 31 May 2020
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One Another

“Blood is Thicker than Water”

Ephesians 4:1-6, John 15:5, John 17:20-23

Sermon Outline

- Introduction
One became Two
- Identity and expectation
John 15:5
- Humility, meekness, patience bearing with one another in love
Ephesians 4:2-6
- Jesus meets all our needs
- Conclusion
Two have become One

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Small Group Questions / Discussion

As shared, in the beginning Adam and Eve were tempted by the Satan. They were tempted to believe that God was holding something back from them, that they were missing out on something. Are there times that you feel as though God is holding something back from you? This may be provision, or healing, or His voice? How do you respond to this temptation to look outside of the Father for your needs?

Paul explains some amazing truth in this letter to the Ephesians, I would encourage us to rest in this book for a season and allow God to speak the simple gospel over our lives. One truth Paul shares throughout the first 3 chapters is how much God loves us.. it appears that Paul is trying to build a foundation for us before he says.. love one another. Can you see the importance of focusing on God's unconditional love for you?

It's easy to get caught in the doing/activity of Christianity, but this doing is not fruitful unless it has God's love as the foundation. Love does many things, but the greatest act of love was Jesus exchanging His life for ours. It's because of this that we are able to surrender to His Spirit and allow Him to love through us. What is surrender? How does it look? What results from a life of surrender?

Jesus said "It is Finished"... what does this mean to you? What does God's word say about this? Does your personal understanding of this align with the biblical truth of this?

Maybe you struggle with having spiritual needs met as outlined in the message,

"When God created you, he created you with spiritual needs; love, acceptance, significance, assurance, commitment, security and rest.... These are needs that Only God Can meet perfectly."

Can you see the need for these needs to met only in the Father? When we go to people to meet these needs, we put them into the position of God and this creates disappointment and hurt and we can be easily let down. Others may also come to you and you may let them down? What can we do practically to see God work in this? Do you look to Jesus to tell you who you are? What does Jesus say about you?

I encourage you to remember humility, meekness, patience and forbearance at this time, but most of all remember these are underpinned by the unconditional love of the Father, and we are not able to produce this, we are a bearer of this love (John 15:5).

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