

***Submitting to One Another
out of Reverence for Christ is
Central to the Gospel***

Ephesians 5:15-21

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Two Key Lessons thus Far:

1. Mutual submission is in essence walking in humility toward one another;
2. Mutual submission out of reverence for Christ is an act of worship toward Christ because it's born of awe and gratefulness toward him and it makes our submission toward him real and concrete and visible.

Ephesians 2:11-22

“Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

Ephesians 2:11-22

“...by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.”

Ephesians 2:11-22

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

1 John 1:1-7

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:1-7

“And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Acts 2:41-47

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common.”

Acts 2:41-47

And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

Acts 5:3-4

“Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.”

One Another Commands:

1. Love one another (13 times)—John 13:35, 15:12, Rom 12:10, 1 Thes. 3:12, 4:9, 1 Peter 1:22, 4:8, 1 John 3:11, 3:23, 4:7, 4:11, 4:12, 2 John 1:5.
2. Live in harmony with one another—Rom. 12:16, 15:5.
3. Do not pass judgment on one another—Rom. 14:13.
4. Welcome one another—Rom. 15:7.
5. Instruct, teach and admonish one another—Rom. 15:14, Col 3:16
6. Greet one another—Rom. 16:16, 1 Cor. 16:20, 2 Cor. 13:12, 1 Pet 5:14.
7. Wait for one another—1 Cor. 11:33.
8. Care for one another—1 Cor. 12:25.
9. Comfort one another—2 Cor. 13:11.
10. Agree with one another—2 Cor. 13:11.
11. Serve one another—Gal. 5:13, 1 Pet 4:10.
12. Do not provoke or envy one another—Gal. 5:26.
13. Bear with one another—Eph. 4:2.
14. Be kind to one another—Eph. 4:32
15. Forgive one another—Eph. 4:32
16. Speak to one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs—Eph. 5:19
17. Submit to one another—Eph. 5:21
18. Don't lie to one another—Col. 3:13.
19. Encourage one another—1 Thes. 5:11, Heb 3:13, 10:25.
20. Do good to one another—1 Thes. 5:15.
21. Stir up one another to love and good works—Heb. 10:24.
22. Don't speak evil against one another—James 4:11.
23. Don't grumble against one another—James 5:9.
24. Confess your sins and pray for one another—James 5:16.
25. Show hospitality toward one another—1 Pet 4:9.
26. Be humble toward one another—1 Peter 5:5.