

## **I. Foundational realities of the Kingdom**

- A. In the Kingdom of God there “divine empowerments” or graces that are a part of Kingdom life that are completely different from life in the world.
- B. Some of these graces include Love, Peace, Power, and Oneness.
- C. I want to deal specifically with the issue of Oneness among believers in the Kingdom.

## **II. The Glory of Unity**

**Joh 17:20** "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; Joh 17:21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. Joh 17:22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: Joh 17:23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

- A. This prayer of Jesus is for all believers from all ages.
- B. Jesus ties the oneness of believers to the testimony that the world receives about Him.
- C. Jesus says He has given us His glory in order to make us one and then in the following verse He clarifies that the glory He has given us is that He dwells in us, just as the father is in Him (i.e Col 1:27 Christ in us the hope of Glory)

## **III. The Indwelling Spirit**

**2Co 3:7** But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. 10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious **2Co 4:6** For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

- A. The fact that we have the indwelling Spirit is greater glory than what Moses had.
- B. We must ask ourselves where is the manifestation of it?

#### **IV. The Gospel makes us one**

**Eph 2:14** For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity... 2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit

- A. The power of the Gospel to make us one with one another is the same power that has made us one with the Father and Son!
- B. The point is that we would ultimately be built together as a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

#### **V. Unity of the Spirit**

**Eph 4:1** I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, Eph 4:2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, Eph 4:3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

- A. Though oneness has been purchased we are to give ourselves to walking in it.
- B. The way to walk in Oneness is through lowliness, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another in love