

One Body | CL Talks Episode 11

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I. Two bodies in the earth.

A. The body of Adam and the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 NKJV: For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

1. Every person born into this world is born into the body of Adam. Which means, we are born with a sinful nature and we are sinners living under the power of sin and Satan.

Romans 5:12 (NKJV Strong's): Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned. (Romans 3:23)

Romans 5:19 NKJV: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

2. There is only ONE WAY to get out of the body of Adam and come into the body of Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-6 NKJV: And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Colossians 1:12-14 NKJV: giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

B. We are now in Christ ONE BODY!!

1. What does this ONE BODY look like? Look at heaven..

Revelation 5:9-10 NKJV: And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe (race and kindred) and tongue (the language used a particular people distinct from other nations) and people and nation (race; a multitude of individuals of the same nature) And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

2. They are in unity. What is unity? "Oneness of purpose with singularity of vision."

Unity doesn't mean uniformity or sameness, everyone is not the same. A unified family has different family members but are unified through family goals. You don't have unity for the sake

of diversity but you have diversity inside unity. In unity, the Body of Christ, we come together for Jesus' vision and purpose for us, and that is greater than our own individual preferences.

3. What was Jesus' vision for us?

John 17:20-23 NKJV: "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 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. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 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. What was Jesus' purpose?

John 12:27 NKJV: "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

* **Luke 19:10 NKJV:** for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

* **1 John 3:7-8 NKJV:** Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

* Racism, prejudice, division are works of the devil and therefore, is sin and lawlessness. And like Jesus, we must live in love, unity, and realize that we are all created equal. **(Romans 2:11..For there is no partiality with God.)**

4. What is our, the Body of Christ, vision and purpose?

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

* How do we live in love and unity?

Colossians 3:12-15 NKJV: Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.