

STUCK WITH YOU – PART 2 Sunday 13th August 2023

Foundation Scriptures:

Psalm 133:1-3:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing-- Life forevermore."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12:

"Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a **threefold** cord is not quickly broken."

These scriptures give a practical picture of what unity should look like. It speaks into the support we should provide for one another.

You are part of a church; you have people to help you up, and in turn, you should help people.

<u>Introduction</u>

The church of God is an institution that originated in the mind of God.

Man was originally created to have fellowship with God.

When Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden, they were unashamed because the glory of the Lord covered them.

The peace that existed in Adam and Eve in **Genesis Chapter 2**, was the enjoyment of glory.

Genesis 2:25 says: "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

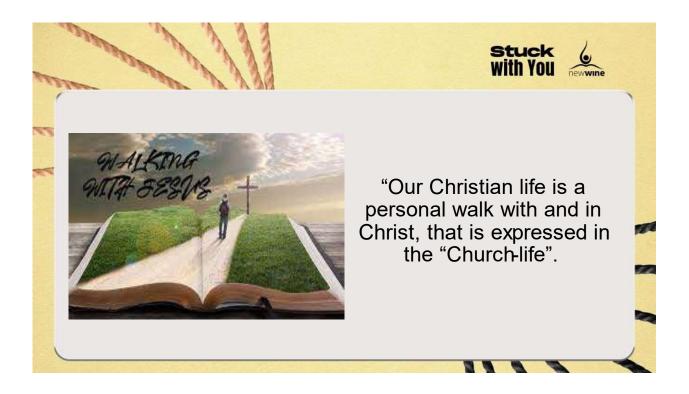
Here we see that fellowship with God equates to fellowship with man and his wife!

When Adam and Eve fell, they felt ashamed because the glory of the Lord was no longer covering them.

For more context, read **Genesis 3:7-8**.

Our Enjoyment

Oftentimes as human beings, we would like a remedy that is palatable to us. However, the remedy to broken fellowship among brethren is how much of Christ is in the individual saints.



See below some scriptures on unity:

Colossians 3:11 says: "Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave [nor] free, but Christ is all (the members) and in all (the members)."

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In **Psalm 133**, we see the beautiful portrait of brothers (man) dwelling in unity.

This means that man in **Psalm 133** is co-existing according to God's original design, and it is good and pleasant in the sight of God!

The reason for it being good and pleasant is because naturally, fallen man is self-centred and self-willed and anything he does is in opposition to God. Therefore, when man walks in unity with his fellow brother, he is working together with God to achieve His will for the church.