

# Sermon Notes

## Overcoming Evil Together

### September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

- Communion Weekend!
  - Jesus said “Do this in remembrance of me.” Our job is to remember the cross of Christ.
  - But, what was so important to God that motivated such an extreme sacrifice??
    - 1) The Grand Answer: The Kingdom of God
      - Jesus the King of King and Lord of Lords pays the price and rises to reign!
      - Over an eternal Kingdom with no death or sorrow! **Revelation 21:3-7**
      - Inhabited by those victorious ones in Christ!!
        - Problem: **Romans 3:23**. Sin ruins heaven, so if you sin you can’t go.
    - 2) Brings us to the Immediate Answer: You. Your salvation. **John 3:16, Romans 6:23**
      - You are so important to God that the cross was worth it.
        - God’s justice and God’s love collide at the cross in redemption.
    - Be sure not to forget about the Kingdom of God as you enjoy your salvation.
- **Overcoming Evil Together**
- I am so glad we have friends in the Body of Christ!!
- There is one body and many members.
  - Each different, but all working together under Christ.
  - It is a beautiful picture. All loving each other, helping each other, growing and learning together, and serving God in life giving churches united together in the worldwide Body of Christ.
- Today: Three things you need in your heart for this to actually work, from **Romans 12:3-10**
  - 1) Humility. Why does Paul start this topic off with **Romans 12:3**?
    - Our pride can get in the way of us loving one another and working together.
      - Great example is **1 Corinthians 8:1-2**
        - Also applies to contentious topics of our day. Pride has no place in the Body.
  - 2) Unity. We are called to a unified Kingdom – The Grand Answer for the cross. **Romans 12:4-5**
    - Each member belongs to all the others because there is one body. Also, in **1 Cor 3:18-23**
      - Same idea: our pride divides God’s Kingdom, and this should not be.
      - God is not a big fan of us wrecking His plan with our pride. **1 Cor 3:6-17**
    - Rather, let us embrace the sacred temple where the Holy Spirit dwells, the Body of Christ.
      - Jesus prayed for us to be unified. **John 17:20-23**
      - Let us answer Jesus prayer with “YES!” by living in the humility that brings unity.
        - Next Week: Cheeks and Tables...sometimes it’s not that simple...
  - 3) Responsibility. We all have an important role in the Body of Christ. **Romans 12:6-8**
    - Each of us has been created by God with talents, opportunities, and personalities that, if transformed by the renewing of our minds, can be used for God’s wonderful purposes!
      - Your spiritual gifts are not for your selfish benefit. Instead, you are responsible to bring those gifts to the Body!
      - Now, God doesn’t “need” you in that sense, but He has put certain things in our court.
        - Crazy strategy: **Matthew 6:14-16**
          - I can tell you this, the Body of Christ needs your best you.
- Holy Communion isn’t only about remembering what Jesus did, but also about remembering what Jesus brought us into.
  - **1 Corinthians 10:15-17** introduces the issue. **1 Corinthians 11:20-29** brings it home.
    - We are forgiven and free, redeemed and brought into the Family of God.
      - This means we continue to walk in humility, unity, and take responsibility.
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