# **Morning Watch**

# Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life – Week 3

Dec. 6-12, 2021

The Factor of the Church Being in the Triune God, the Local Churches Being the Expression of the Body of Christ, and the Believers Practicing the Church Life in the Consciousness of the Body

# Monday 12/6

#### 1 Thes. 1:1

**1** Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

#### Eph. 1:4-5

**4** Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

**5** Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

#### Rom. 11:36

**36** Because out from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

#### 1 Cor. 8:6

**6** Yet to us there is one God, the Father, out from whom are all things, and we are unto Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we are through Him.

#### John 1:12-13

**12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

#### Rev. 4:11

**11** You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life - Week 3, Day 1* 

Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Chapter 2 – Sections: God Desiring Man To Enjoy Him; God's Desire Being For Man To Enjoy Him; Man's Concept Misjudging God's Desire

Tuesday 12/7

Rom. 6:4

**4** We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

#### Rom. 8:10-11, 4

**10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.

**11** And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

**4** That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

#### Rom. 6:8

**8** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him,

#### 1 Cor. 1:30

**30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

#### John 14:17, 23

**17** Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you.

**23** Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

#### 1 Cor. 15:45b

**45b** the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life - Week 3, Day 2* **Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Chapter 2 – Sections:** Fruit-bearing Being to Enjoy God; *Prayer Being to Enjoy God* 

# Wednesday 12/8

# Matt. 16:18

**18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

# Rom. 12:5

5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and

individually members one of another.

#### Rom. 16:16

**16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

#### Rom. 12:4

4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,

## Rev. 1:4, 11

**4** John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

**11** Saying, What you see write in a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamos and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.

#### Eph. 2:19-22

**19** So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

**20** Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone;

**21** In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life - Week 3, Day 3* **Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Chapter 2 – Sections:** *Ministering the Word Being to Enjoy God* 

#### Thursday 12/9

# Eph. 4:4

**4** One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

# 1 Cor. 12:27

**27** Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

#### Eph. 1:23

 $2\hat{3}$  Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

# Rev 22:16a

**16a** I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches.

#### Rom. 16:17

**17** Now I exhort you, brothers, to mark those who make divisions and causes of stumbling contrary to the teaching which you have learned, and turn away from them.

#### 1 Cor 12:12-13, 18, 24

12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

**13** For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

**18** But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed.

**24** But our comely members have no need. But God has blended the body together, giving more abundant honor to the member that lacked,

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life - Week 3, Day 4 Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God" Chapter* **2 – Sections:** *Preaching the Gospel Being to Enjoy God; Receiving Leading Being to Enjoy God* 

#### Friday 12/10

#### 1 Cor. 12:25-26

**25** That there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same care for one another.

**26** And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it.

#### 2 Cor. 8:21

**21** For we exercise foresight for what is honorable not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men.

#### Eph. 4:15-16

15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

**16** Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

#### Rom 12:10-16

**10** Love one another warmly in brotherly love; take the lead in showing honor one to another.

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**11** Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.

**12** Rejoice in hope; endure in tribulation; persevere in prayer.

13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

**15** Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

**16** Be of the same mind toward one another, not setting your mind on the high things but going along with the lowly; do not be wise in yourselves.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life - Week 3, Day 5* **Corporate Reading of "How to Enjoy God and** *How to Practice the Enjoyment of God"* **Chapter 2 – Sections:** *The Secret Of The Christian Life Being To Enjoy God* 

#### Saturday 12/11

#### Acts 2:42

**42** And they continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

#### 1 Cor. 10:16-17

**16** The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ?

**17** Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread.

#### 1 John 1:3

**3** That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

#### Rom. 16:3-4, 16, 27

**3** Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

**4** Who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;

**16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

**27** To the only wise God through Jesus Christ, to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Eph. 3:21

**21** To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Vital Factors for the Recovery of the Church Life - Week 3, Day 6* **Hymns,** #824

# Lord's Day 12/12

#### 1 Cor. 12:7, 11, 22-23

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for what is profitable.

**11** But the one and the same Spirit operates all these things, distributing to each one respectively even as He purposes.

**22** But much rather the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.

**23** And those members of the body which we consider to be less honorable, these we clothe with more abundant honor; and our uncomely members come to have more abundant comeliness,

# Eph. 4:11-12

**11** And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,

12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

#### Eph. 5:23

23 For a husband is head of the wife as also Christ is Head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the Body.

#### Col. 1:18

**18** And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

# Col. 3:15

**15** And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful.

# **Further Reading:**

Life-study of 1 Thessalonians, msgs. 1, 3, 5 CWWL, 1991-1992 Vol. 2, "Five Emphases in the Lord's Recovery," chs. 1, 4 CWWL, 1991-1992 Vol. 4, "One Body and One Spirit," ch. 1