# Loving the Lord and Loving One Another for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ – Week 4

# The Organic Body of Christ Building Itself Up in Love

## Monday 1/30

#### Psa. 68:18

**18** You have ascended on high; You have led captive those taken captive; You have received gifts among men, Even the rebellious ones also, That Jehovah God may dwell among them.

#### Num. 10:35

**35** And when the Ark set out, Moses said, Rise up, O Jehovah, and let Your enemies be scattered; And let those who hate You flee before You.

#### **Acts 1:9**

**9** And when He had said these things, while they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him away from their sight.

#### Acts 2:24, 27

- 24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.
- **27** Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor will you permit Your Holy One to see corruption.

## 1 Kings 8:29-30

- 29 That Your eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which You have said, My name will be there, to listen to the prayer which Your servant will pray toward this place.
- 30 And listen to the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear then in Your dwelling place in the heavens; and when You hear, forgive.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 4, Day 1

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 8, Section: The Mystery of the Divine Trinity in the Gospel of Matthew; Not a Matter of Being...

## Tuesday 1/31

## Eph. 4:8-10

- **8** Therefore the Scripture says, "Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men."
- 9 (Now this, "He ascended," what is it except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth?
- **10** He who descended, He is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things.)

#### **Luke 4:18**

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed,

#### 2 Cor. 2:14

**14** But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in the Christ and manifests the savor of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.

## S.S. 3:6

**6** Who is she who comes up from the wilderness Like pillars of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, With all the fragrant powders of the merchant?

#### S.S. 4:1

1 Oh, you are beautiful, my love! Oh, you are beautiful! Your eyes are like doves behind your veil; Your hair is like a flock of goats That repose on Mount Gilead.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 4, Day 2

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 8, Section: The Triune God in Matthew 1

## Wednesday 2/1

## 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.

#### John 17:23

23 I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

#### Acts 20:20

**20** How I did not withhold any of those things that are profitable by not declaring them to you and by not teaching you publicly and from house to house,

#### 1 Cor. 3:6

**6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.

#### Col. 4:17

17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you fulfill it.

## 1 Tim. 1:12

12 I give thanks to Him who empowers me, Christ Jesus our Lord, that He has counted me faithful, appointing me to the ministry,

#### 2 Tim. 4:5

**5** But you, be sober in all things, suffer evil, do the work of an evangelist, fully accomplish your ministry.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 4, Day 3

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 8, Section: The Mystery of the Divine Trinity in Matthew 3

## Thursday 2/2

## 1 Pet. 5:2-3

- **2** Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;
- **3** Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.

## 1 Tim. 3:1-2, 7

- **1** Faithful is the word: If anyone aspires to the overseership, he desires a good work.
- 2 The overseer then must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, of a sober

mind, orderly, hospitable, apt to teach;

**7** And he also must have a good testimony from those outside, that he may not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

#### John 21:15-17

15 Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.

**16** He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep.

17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

### Matt. 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**20** Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 4, Day 4

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 8, Section: The Mystery of the Divine Trinity in Matthew 28

## Friday 2/3

## 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.

## Eph. 1:22, 10

22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the

church,

10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

#### Rom. 8:6, 10-11

**6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

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.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 4, Day 5

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 8, Section: The Revelation of the Mystery in the Gospel of Matthew

## Saturday 2/4

## Eph. 3:17

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

## Eph. 4:15-16 See Friday

## 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. 2:19 (positively)

19 And holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

## 1 John 4:7, 11, 16 See Lord's Day

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 4, Day 6* 

## Lord's Day 2/5

#### 1 John 4:7-19

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and everyone who loves has been begotten of God and knows God.

**8** He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.

**9** In this the love of God was manifested among us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might have life and live through Him.

**10** Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God has loved us in this way, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

13 In this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, that He has given to us of His Spirit.

**14** And we have beheld and testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world.

**15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God.

16 And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.

17 In this has love been perfected with us, that we have boldness in the day of the judgment because even as He is, so also are we in this world.

**18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear because fear has punishment, and he who fears has not been perfected in love.

19 We love because He first loved us.

## Hymns, #914

## **Further Reading:**

CWWL, 1988, vol. 4, "Further Light concerning the Building Up of the Body of Christ," chs. 2-4