

# **Destruction, Restoration and Empowerment of Relationships**

**Gen 3; Romans 3:1-10 and 2 Cor. 5:11-21**

# INTRODUCTION

- ▶ God created man on His image so that He can manage His creation, mirror His image, multiply and model His behavior in this world ( Gen. 1:26-28).
- ▶ He also wanted him to create his own community as He lives in the community.

# INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Before the fall Adam and Eve lived in perfect relationship with God and each other (Gen.2:25 and 1:29-30).
- ▶ Their disobedience to God destroyed the relationship between God, each other and whole creation ( Gen. 3)

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- ▶ God sent His Son to restore the broken relationship ( Ro. 5:1-10)
- ▶ God also promised us the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit to empower us to live a holy life , have Christlike character and spiritual gifts to serve others.

# INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Therefore, in order to enjoy good relationship with God and others, we should take care of sin problem, trust Jesus Christ and live Spirit controlled life.

# Sin destroys Relationships

- ▶ Before the fall Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God and each other (Gen. 1:29-30 and 2:25)
- ▶ The fall destroyed the relationship with God, each other and the whole creation ( Gen. 3)

# Sin destroys Relationships

The result of the fall was:

- ▶ We became enemy of God. Roman 5:8-10; Col. 1:21 and Roman 8:7
- ▶ Relationship with God was broken.
- ▶ Flight from reality.
- ▶ Self-centeredness.
- ▶ Control, competition, Jealousy and hierarchy

# Sin destroys Relationships

- ▶ It caused physical, spiritual and eternal death.
- ▶ First few chapter of Genesis teaches us the effects of fall on the human relationships.
- ▶ Sin effected every relationship starting with the family to every aspect of the human society.

# Sin destroys Relationships

- ▶ In order to have a right relationship with God and each other, we need to take care of sin in our life.
- ▶ God took care of our sin problem by sending His Son Jesus Christ in this world to pay the penalty of our sin.

# Son restored the Relationship

- ▶ God himself made the plan to restore the broken relationship.
- ▶ He chose Abraham and made a covenant with him to bless the whole world ( Gen. 12:1-3)
- ▶ When the time was right God sent His Son in the world ( Gal. 4:4).

# Son restored the Relationship

- ▶ It is through Him our relationship with God and others is restored ( Ro. 5:1-10)
- ▶ The cross of Jesus Christ has vertical and horizontal dimension. Loving God and loving others is the great commandment given to us by Christ ( Mt. 22:37-40).

# Son restored the Relationship

- ▶ If you want to have good relationship with God and others, then you need to trust Jesus Christ as your savior and Lord.
- ▶ Because, when you do this, God the Holy Spirit start living in you to empower you to live holy life and build Christlike character which helps you to have good relationship with God and others.

# Holy Spirit empowers us in our relationships

- ▶ Holy Spirit lives in us. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. John 14:15-21 and 1 Cor. 6:19
- ▶ Holy Spirit helps us to live holy life. Roman 8
- ▶ Holy Spirit helps us to have Christlike character. Gal. 5:22-26

# Holy Spirit empowers us in our relationships

- ▶ God the Holy Spirit empowers us with the spiritual gifts to serve others.
- ▶ Therefore, in order to have right relationship with God and others, please live a Spirit controlled life. Eph. 5:18

# Conclusion

- ▶ Sin destroys relationships.
- ▶ God the Son restores relationships.
- ▶ God the Holy Spirit empowers and harmonize the relationships.
- ▶ Therefore, take care of sin in your life, continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus and live under the control of Holy Spirit.