

IS UNITY POSSIBLE?

Our Riches in Christ : Study in Ephesians, Part 6b

Ephesians 2:11-14

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Sermon Notes

A brief Biblical history of separation:

*Since the "fall" man has been divided/separated from **God**.
(Gen. 3:24; cf. Lev. 16:2; Heb. 12:29; Mk. 15:38; Eph. 2:14;
Jam. 4:1-3; Col. 3:11)

*Since the "fall" man has been divided/separated from **man**.
(cf. Gen. 4:8)

I. What is a major cause of disunity?

A. **Pride**: inordinate self-esteem. (Rom. 12:3)

B. Pride can be **good**...it can be **bad**. (Gal. 6:4; Is. 60:15;
Prov. 13:10; Rom. 12:16b; I Cor. 13:4; II Tim. 3:2; Jam. 4:6b)

- C. What are some of the consequences of unhealthy pride?
1. Pride can cause us to take on a mindset of **entitlement**.
 2. Pride can cause us to have a **false view** of ourselves.
(Rom. 12:3)
 3. Pride gives rise to **prejudice**.
 4. Pride causes us to **forget** who/what we were before we trusted Christ as our Savior. (cf. I Cor. 1:26)
 5. Pride causes us to have a false view of **others**.
 6. Pride causes us to have a wrong sense of **values** that are **manmade**. (Eph. 2:11b)
 7. Pride puts up **barriers**. (cf. Eph. 2:14)



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