

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Equity Vs. Equality

1 Corinthians 12:11-27

Intro series, Competing Narratives to the one true story.

Equality

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. Declaration of Independence

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

BUT, we are not all the same. Stronger, faster, etc. Silas is better at soccer, Jacob is WAY smarter when it comes to tec issues. BUT neither one will EVER beat me at arm wrestling. In other words, we are equal in that we are created in the image of God and all worthy of respect, but our outcome will be different. And that's ok.

Equity: a level place, uprightness:—fairness¹.

Equity: the quality of being fair and impartial² Oxford Dictionary

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah Psalm 67:4

Context of spiritual gifts- Why Paul is addressing them (*Pride OR Shame*)

Read vs. 11. Starting place for Christians

-Identity in Christ

Vs. 12-13. No matter who you are; where you started, your strengths or weaknesses, you are a part of the Church!!!

¹ Thomas, R. L. (1998). New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek dictionaries : updated edition.

² Oxford dictionary

Vs. 14-17. Body analogy.

Vs. 18- GOD arranged! Portions and chose who you are.

Vs. 19-24. Can't do it without ALL my body.

-MTB ride.

Vs.25-26, The solution isn't Equality of outcome, but community!

Vs. 27

We don't all start in the same place.

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away." Matthew 25:14-15

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:23

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

Romans 15:1-2

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:5-7

Gospel

Communion