

33. Paul's Community Ethics

1. Course Overview

This course focuses on one of the central themes in Pauline theology: community ethics. It explores how believers are to live within the Christian community based on Scripture and theology.

Key themes include love, forgiveness, humility, unity, responsibility, and order, with practical applications for today's church communities.

2. Course Objectives

- 1) Understand the ethical foundation of the "People of God" in Pauline theology.
- 2) Learn principles of relationship and conflict resolution through Paul's epistles.
- 3) Explore how Pauline ethics can be applied in today's church and family communities.

3. Key Topics

1) Paul's vision of the community:

The body metaphor and church unity

Fruit of the Spirit and community life (Galatians 5)

2) Conflict and reconciliation:

Case study of the Corinthian church

Ethics of love and service (Romans 12, Philippians 2)

3) Authority and order:

Roles, gifts, and harmony (1 Corinthians 12–14)

Individual freedom vs. communal responsibility (1 Corinthians 8–10)

Ethics of discipline and restoration in the community (1 Corinthians 5, Galatians 6:1–2)

4. Key Scriptures

- 1) Romans 12

- 2) 1 Corinthians 12–14
 - 3) Galatians 5
 - 4) Philippians 2
 - 5) 1 & 2 Thessalonians
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