

## **BODY OF CHRIST – A NO CLASS SYSTEM!**

There should be no second class members within the church – we are all “first class”!

Here is an important guiding principle:

**Romans 12:16 “Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited”.**

Worldly cultures and many organizations have class structures – some types of people are thought to be more important than others. Here are some common distinctions and some relevant scriptures:

- 1) **Gender** (Gal 3:26-29)
- 2) **Marital/Family Status** ( I Cor 7; Heb 13:4; Eph 5:22-33; James 2:27)
- 3) **Race/ethnic** (Gal 3:26-29; Rom 10:12; I Cor 12:13; Jesus example in John 4)
- 4) **Position in Society** (Gal 3:26-29; Rom 12:16; I Cor 12:13)
- 5) **Economic status (wealth)** (James 2:1-10; I Tim 6:17-19)
- 6) **Giving Amount to Church** (Luke 21:1-3)
- 7) **Position/role in church** (I Cor 12:12-27)
- 8) **Time/maturity as a Christian** (Rom 14:1-8, 15:1-7)
- 9) **Physical Appearance** (I Sam 16:7; Gal 2:6; John 7:24)
- 10) **Age** (I Tim 4:12, 5:1-2; Prov 16:31, 20:29)