BUILDING UP THE TEMPLE Rom 15.14; Col 3:16 Feb 21, 2021 Elder Mike Westcomb

I. ADMONISHMENT FOR EDIFICATION Rom 15:14

A. Believer's <u>Condition</u> 1. 2.

B. Believer's <u>Capability</u>

- 1. It will Regenerate
- 2. It will <u>Invigorate</u>

As biblical counselors we are exhorted to <u>edify</u> each other, helping each other <u>grow</u> "unto the measure of the <u>stature</u> of the fullness of Christ", Ephesians 4:13.

- II. ADMONISHMENT FOR ENCOURAGEMENT Col 3:16
 - A. <u>Intake</u>: Character Development v1-15

B. <u>Output</u>: Community Encouragement v16

As a Body, it is our GREAT privilege to not just speak of but to sing about God's <u>character</u>, <u>attributes</u>, and <u>personality</u> as we worship in song together.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the various stages of believers in their spiritual growth/maturity. Where would you put yourself? I Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:11-12; I John 2:12-14

2. As a disciple of Christ, what are your strengths? Your weaknesses? Where would you like to be? Ephesians 4:11-14

3. How are you admonishing your fellow believers in their "growing up in Christ"? Has anyone admonished you? How?

4. What does it look like to be a Biblical Counselor? Romans 15:14

5. When you read Colossians 3:1-17, what encourages you the most about being united to Jesus Christ? Discuss the "put off" and "put on" in v5-14.

6. How does the "*peace of God*" become the ruler of your heart? Does it rule yours? What anxieties or fears are you presently facing, battling? Cp Philippians 4:4-7

7. What is meant by, "to dwell in you richly"? (v16) How does this help us in our corporate worship?