

**Text: Hebrews 2:10-18**

**THE DOCTRINE OF BEING “BRETHREN”**

1. Called “Brethren”

a) By the Lord Jesus Christ Himself      Hebrews 2:11

b) Prophecy                                      Hebrews 2:12 (Psalm 22:22)

c) Fulfilment                                    Hebrews 2:12-13

2. Identification with His brethren

a) He took on flesh and blood      Hebrews 2:14

b) He fought the devil and overcame him for us      Hebrews 2:14-15

i) He dared to fight for us

ii) He was willing to suffer for us

iii) He was willing to die for us

3. The blessings of being “brethren of the Lord”

a) He will be our merciful and faithful High Priest

b) He has made propitiation for our sins

c) He is able to give to all who are tempted the aid they need      Hebrews 2:17-18

**THE PRACTICE OF THE CONCEPT OF BEING BRETHREN**

1. Exemplified in Paul and his relationship with the Corinthian Church

2. The Corinthian church

a) Gifted and blessed

b) But riddle with many problems

i) Carnality                                      1 Corinthians 1-4

ii) Conflicts                                      1 Corinthians 5-6

iii) Confusion                                    1 Corinthians 12-14

iv) Challenges from false teachings      1 Corinthians 15

### 3. Paul's regard for the Corinthians

- a) They were called "brethren" throughout the Epistle  
( 1 Corinthians 1:11; 2:1; 3:1 etc)
- b) The significance
  - i) Genuine affection
  - ii) Definite commitment
  - iii) Practice of what the Lord Jesus Himself exemplified

### 4. Our Challenge at Bethany

- a) To understand more deeply what it means
  - i) To belong to Christ
  - ii) To be a Church
  - iii) To be family
  - iv) To be brethren
- b) To celebrate
  - i) Oneness
  - ii) Brotherhood
  - iii) The Lord's blessings to Bethany these 40+2 years

### **TEA AFTER COMBINED MEETING**

Thanksgiving to all who have proven themselves to be "brethren" during the Funerary Services for my eldest sister, Ms. Tan Sai Khin, held last week (Tuesday-Thursday, 18-20 August 2015).