

A MEETING PLACE(S) FOR ALL PEOPLES

Proverbs 22:2

The rich and poor meet together:
The LORD is the maker of them all.

The text makes **2 assertions**:

1. The rich and poor meet together
2. The Lord makes both of them

The question: Where & when do they meet together? Where is that meeting place? Where are those meeting places?

1. We meet together **from creation!**

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and poor meet together: The LORD is **the maker** of them **all**.

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; **because she was the mother of all living**.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man **in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

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

Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; **Acts 17:25** Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; **Acts 17:26** And hath made **of one blood** (**ἐξ ἑνὸς αἵματος**) **all nations** (**πάν ἔθνος ἀνθρώπων**) of men for to dwell on **all** the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

Every individual is:

- Created
- Created by God
- Created in God's image → the Imago Dei
- Created from one blood
- Created **out of** one couple
- Descended from Adam and Eve & then the descendants of Noah's family!

When Paul spoke in Athens, on Mar's Hill he didn't panic! Why not?

His home church **already believed and practiced this!!!**

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as **Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.** **Acts 13:2** As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. **Acts 13:3** And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. **Acts 13:4** So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

2. We meet together **in sin**

Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psalms 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

In some cultures: the rich are good

In other cultures: the poor are good

In the Bible none are good!!!

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is **none** righteous, **no**, **not** one:

Romans 3:23 For **all** have sinned, and **come short** of the glory of God;

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, **for that all have sinned:**

3. We meet together at the cross and in Christ

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, **and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Matthew 28:20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; **but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:**

Romans 10:13 For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. **And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: **but Christ is all, and in all.**

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by **one** Spirit are we all baptized into **one** body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into **one** Spirit.

Philippians 1:5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the **first day** until now;

4. We meet together under the Law of Christ (and under the rule of law)

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, **and they follow me:**

John 14:15 **If** ye love me, **keep** my commandments.

Matthew 28:19 **Go** ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Matthew 28:20** **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 7:12 Therefore **all things whatsoever** ye would that men should do to you, do ye **even so** to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

1 Peter 2:17 **Honour** all men. **Love** the brotherhood. **Fear** God. **Honour** the king.

5. We meet together in death

6. We meet together before God

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men **once** to die, but **after this the judgment:**