

***A Church
Of
One Accord***

Acts 2:1

**And when the day of Pentecost was
fully come, they were all with one
accord in one place.**

Introduction

A. A united church is powerful

Acts 2:41

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 4:4

Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

Introduction

B. Why dissension develops in churches

1. It is easier to be part of a faction than to get into the action
2. A lack of love brings division and distraction

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

Requirements to achieve Unity and Power

I. Church Unity Requires Forgiveness

- A. Consider the reasons for divisions among the disciples**
 - 1. Dispute among the disciples on who was the greatest**
Luke 22:24
 - 2. Peter's denials of Jesus before the cross**
Luke 22:54-62
 - 3. Jesus forsaken by all the disciples**
Mark 14:50
 - 4. The doubts of Thomas**
John 20:25

I. Church Unity Requires Forgiveness

B. How could this divided group of people work together?

1. They were willing to forgive one another

James 5:16

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

2. Jesus had even forgiven those who crucified Him

Luke 23:34

II. Church Unity Requires Fellowship

A. Consider the fellowship of Pentecost

1. The disciples were all present

Acts 1:4

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

II. Church Unity Requires Fellowship

A. Consider the fellowship of Pentecost - continued

2. They saw the value of their meeting together

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

3. Those who gathered had purpose and priority on their minds

II. Church Unity Requires Fellowship

C. Christians have always needed each other

Eccelesiastes 4:9-10

9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

II. Church Unity Requires Fellowship

C. Christians have always needed each other – continued

1. We need one another to achieve Christian growth

Romans 14:19

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

1 Thessalonians 5:11-13

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

II. Church Unity Requires Fellowship

C. Christians have always needed each other – continued

2. We need one another to accomplish the work of the church

Ephesians 2:19-22

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

III. Church Unity Requires Focus

A. These Christians heard the Great Commission

- 1. They accepted the responsibility of carrying out Christ's command (Matthew 28:18-20)**
- 2. They saw world evangelism beginning at their front door (Acts 1:8)**

III. Church Unity Requires Focus

B. We have the same responsibilities

Acts 20:20

And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

*Are We All
On The Same Page?*