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In the early days of the Grace Administration, the born-again believers were a part of something new—the Church of Grace, the one Body of Christ. They were stepping away from their Judean background into a whole new lifestyle. It was very important for them to be unified and like-minded so they could move together in the same direction. They needed to be in one accord on the truth of the Word. In our day and time in this Grace Administration, this is still a need. Being in one accord on the truths of God’s Word is necessary for born-again believers to serve together, believing and moving God’s Word.

In the days between the ascension of Jesus Christ and the day of Pentecost, Jesus’ apostles were of one accord.

*Acts 1:14:*

*These all [the eleven apostles as listed in verse 13] continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.*

“One accord” means “with one mind, unanimously.” It’s about unity of purpose. Despite the emotional times that they had been through—including the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ; the betrayal by Judas; and the political pressure from the Judeans and the Romans—these men continued with one accord, with unity of purpose. They were continuing in one accord with prayer as they waited for the promise of the Father in Jerusalem as Jesus had instructed them (Luke 24:49).

On the day of Pentecost, they were still in one accord.

*Acts 2:1:*

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

The results were that they received into manifestation power from on high, they boldly declared the Word to all present, and about three thousand were born again that same day.

The apostles now made it top priority to teach these three thousand or so new believers how to live in one accord as a household.

*Acts 2:46:*

*And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.*

Here we see they were in one accord both publicly (in the Temple area) and from house to house.

Later in the Book of Acts, Peter and John healed a man in the Temple area who had been born lame. This miracle attracted much attention; and as people gathered, Peter and John boldly preached the Word to them. The Judean religious leaders did not like that they were teaching and preaching Jesus raised from the dead, so they incarcerated Peter and John. They held them overnight; but after threatening them and commanding them to not speak in the name of Jesus, they let them go. When Peter and John returned to the fellowship of the believers and reported all that had happened, that group with one accord prayed to God to give them more boldness to speak the Word!

*Acts 4:24,29,30:*

*And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:*

*...grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,*

*By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.*

This one accord went deeper than agreeing about what to pray about. The believers were developing the same heart for the Word that they saw in the lives of the apostles.

The Church Epistles also encourage this unity of purpose for the born-again believers in the Grace Administration.

*Romans 15:5,6:*

*Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:*

*That ye may with one mind [with one accord] and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*I Corinthians 1:10:*

*Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

What a tremendous impact we can have as believers, not allowing divisions among us, as we serve together in one accord, believing and moving the Word to glorify God.

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