

“Unity in Heart and Mind” Acts 4:32-35.

Series: The Church Begins - Acts” Part 12.

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Key Thought: God unites His people in heart and mind through His Holy Spirit to share life in Christ as a community of hope and saving grace.

I. Unity in Heart and Mind. (4:32a) **32 *All the believers were one in heart and mind...***

II. Sharing everything that God had given them (4:32b)

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III. Testimony of Jesus’ resurrection validated (33-35)

- A. In Christ centered preaching and teaching (33a) **33 *With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.***
- B. God’s grace was revealed in unselfish sacrifice (33b-34a) **And *God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them.***
- C. God’s truth had changed their priorities (34b-35) ***For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.***

Key Point: How is Jesus calling us to be of one heart and mind? We are called to reflect the character of Jesus in our love for others and support of the ministries of the Church.

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Questions for Discussion:

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1. What experiences in the life of the church, or in your families, do you discover unity in heart and mind? (32a)
2. Think of a time when you were in need. In what ways were you moved by the generosity of others to meet your needs?
3. How are Christians called to be different from the world as it comes to how we view our possessions? (32b)
4. What was the focus of the preaching of the apostles? Why is this important to consider today? (33)
5. How are we to care for others who are needy today? What are the different needs to consider beyond money or food? (34-35)
6. What challenges do we struggle with when facing limited resources and the call to make sacrifices for others?

(PRAYER TIME)