

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 11-9-25
Christianity 103 – Message 4 Part 4
Unity, prayer – God Moved!

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) We are learning the growth of our faith is directly related to our study of God's Word.
- 2) When Peter and John stood before the council, they knew they had been with Jesus.
 - a) What did they see to cause them to think this?
- 3) The leaders decided to threaten them.
- 4) Peter and John refused to be silenced.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) The world will not change because we go to church, the world will change when we start being the church.
- 2) What do you see thus far in Acts 4?
- 3) Being a witness is more than just sharing the Gospel.
- 4) Peter said, "for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."
 - a) We should take Peter's wisdom here and apply it to our life.
 - b) Begin to speak about –
- 5) No matter where you find yourself, what has been, does not have to be what continues.
- 6) Peter and John head to "their own company."

2. "Their own company" – the Body of Christ. Acts 4:23

a. Good choice.

- 1) They went and gave a report to the other believers, the church.
 - a) Why?
- 2) Hebrews 10:22-25
 - a) Verse 22 –
 - b) Verse 23 –
 - c) Verse 24 –
 - d) Verse 25 –
- 3) This is why they left the presence of the religious leaders and went to report to the church.

3. Their first response, PRAY! Acts 4:24

a. Why pray now?

- 1) Good question. Why not just complain?
- 2) What part does prayer play in your life?
 - a) I often wonder if the depth of our belief in God is tied to the life of prayer we live out.
- 3) The enemy is clearly revealed and when they pray, they are praying to defeat the enemy.
 - a) This prayer reveals a sense of urgency, a recognition of the danger that can be associated with being a witness.
- 4) Application – Is the church feeling this sense of urgency today?
- 5) Verse 24 – "they lifted up their voice to God with one accord."
 - a) The church proves to be of one heart and mind.

4. The Creator is God. Acts 4:24

a. What a great name for God!

- 1) "Lord, thou are God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is..."
 - a) What comes to mind when you address God as Creator?
- 2) Why address Him as Creator God after a spiritual battle?
 - a) Ephesians 6:12 –
 - b) Psalm 27:1 –
- b. Why do the heathen rage. Acts 4:25-28
 - 1) This comes from Psalm 2.
- c. Verses 26-28 –
 - 1) They recount the events surrounding Jesus' death.
 - 2) Even when things may have seemed out of control, God was still very much in control.
 - 3) Why pray this?
 - a) To acknowledge that God is God and there is none like Him.
5. Enable us to reach them. Acts 4:29
 - a. Notice their request here.
 - 1) "And now Lord, behold their threatenings" –
 - 2) "and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word."
 - 3) Application –
 - a) What do you see them asking for?
 - 4) Our goal – by the time we finish the Book of Acts, every person here at SBC will have shared the Gospel at least one time.
6. Today's Take Away:
 - a. We were reminded once again of why being together as believers is so important.
 - b. Food for thought –
 - c. Prayer reveals our dependency on God.