

**“Unity - The Power of ONE”**  
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**Acts 1-4**

**A. Why do we need unity?**

**B. What unity is NOT:**

1. Unhealthy conformity
2. Agreement in everything
3. An issue of “right” and “wrong”

**C. What is biblical unity? *Spiritual gift of ONE-ness.***

**Acts 4:32** *All the believers were one in heart and mind.*

**D. MESSAGE: *Unity comes when we pray together in Jesus’ name.***

**John 17:23** *I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete **unity** to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

**Matt. 18:19** *"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth **agree** about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For **where two or three come together in my name**, there am I with them."*

**TEXT – Acts 1**

**E. Unity in prayer requires the sacrificial submission:**

1. Disciples submitted to Christ’s instructions vs 1-5
2. Disciples submitted to one another – vs. 14
3. Disciples submitted to God’s Word – vs. 16, 20
4. Disciples submitted to God’s will – vs. 24

**F. RESULT: They experienced the promised gift of the Holy Spirit powerfully uniting them.**

**Acts 2:1, 4** *“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”*

**G. What does that look like?**

**Acts 2:**<sup>42</sup> *They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

**Application Questions:** In what relationship, or setting do you need unity? Are you praying in unity with anyone for the ONE thing? Since unity requires sacrifice, what do you need to sacrifice in order to submit to Christ, another person, His Word, and His will?

**Ephesians 4:3** *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit.*

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