



GENUINE COMMUNITY

One Heart, One Soul...

Building on a Firm Foundation

Acts 4:32 - 33

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An ideal new community

a. Rejoicing in the forgiveness of sin

b. Rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit

c. Submitted to the idea of Baptism

i. Dying to my old life

ii. Being raised with Jesus the Christ to walk in new life



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d. Broke bread together

- i. Something about sharing a common meal together
 1. Jesus shared a meal with the two on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13 - 32)
 - a. They didn't recognize the stranger as Jesus until they sat down and broke bread together
 2. Often the mystery of CHRIST is revealed in fellowship (not in worship)



You and I cannot be the church
in isolation (Act4:32)

- a. They had “one heart” and “one soul”**
 - i. Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in they sight...

- b. They were in partnership**



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c. Participated as members of a society

iv. We need people to identify with us

1. Somebody has been dealing with your stuff
2. You're not the only one who is struggling with a certain something
3. You aren't the only one in need of deliverance
4. It's no fun to praise GOD all by yourself!
 - a. "Oh magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt his name together!" (Psalm 34:3)
 - b. "...how good and pleasant it is for us to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

d. Don't make worship and fellowship second on your priority list



Understand that all that you possess is by stewardship and not ownership

- a.** Everything you have is provided for you on loan from GOD
- b.** “The earth is the LORD’S and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein!” Psalm 24:1
- c.** You are a distribution center for the grace of GOD
- d.** GOD is not just first...HE is all in all!



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a. The word “power” means effectiveness

b. Our love and generosity frees us to focus on carrying the message of salvation and everlasting life

i. We often get bogged down in church by the minutia of ministry, like personalities and personal power



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ii. We lose sight of the mission

1. Imagine coming to church with only JESUS on your mind

a. Not, who's preaching

b. Not, who's singing

c. Not, who's teaching my class

d. Not, nobody thanked me...just JESUS!



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c. Signs and wonders follow

i. Our enthusiasm will:

1. Transform lives
2. Free people from addictions
3. Convince young people that finding JESUS is the best thing that can happen to them
4. The church gets favor in the sight of the people
(Great grace was upon them all v. 33)
 - a. They made a lasting impact on the observers in the community
5. Led people to JESUS the CHRIST