

Gathering the Harvest through Community

Acts 2:44 "Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

Introduction:

The Lord is about to release a great end time harvest into his church. As the Day of the Lord draws nearer so will the promise of Joel 2:28, "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh," "The sun turned to darkness, the moon into blood, before the Great and Awesome day of the Lord, and it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance." The greatest harvest of souls to the body of Christ has yet to come. It can be argued that the number of souls brought in during these last days outpouring supersedes the amount of souls saved from all eternity past. When this comes to past will the church be ready to Father, Shepherd, and steward the greatest harvest of souls in history.

Apostolic Community

- 1) **All things in "common"** or ("community"). The Greek word is "Koinos" meaning common, ordinary, belonging to generality. This is an unknown fruit of the church in the western world. Community was necessary in the times and seasons of the apostles due to the persecution they were under. With the coming times of testing coming to the earth, our community will truly be our family.

Luke 8:20 "And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You. But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

- 2) **Continuing daily with one accord in the temple** (unity in prayer). The House of Prayer is the church returning to its apostolic foundations in daily meetings. When you meet daily in the temple, "in one accord," it will automatically grow the culture of community. As we meet daily praying selfless prayers, and agreeing in intercession, it will continue to increase the level of unity amongst fellow brethren.

Acts 5:42 "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."

- 3) **Breaking bread** from house to house (fellowship in the Spirit). The overflow of the House of Prayer continues on into our everyday lives. The disciples were constantly meeting and sharing their hearts with each other. Believers should constantly be fellowshiping in the Spirit, which is sharing of testimonies, praise reports, prayer, and what the Lord is speaking to them.

Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

- 4) **Daily** the Lord added to the Church those being saved. When we grow in our *community, unity in prayer, and fellowship in the spirit* we will see souls added to the Kingdom daily. It will take all 3 of these to father a generation.

Luke 5:4 "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch. But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net. And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking..." And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

The Unity of the Spirit

Ephesians 4:1 "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the *unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in *one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*"

Amos 3:3 "Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?"

- 1) Satan is known as the accuser of the brethren. His desire is to have brothers and sisters in Christ pointing out the problems against each other, which affects the entire body. The Lord longs for us to be lowly, gentle, longsuffering, and to bear with one another in love. We should not rejoice in another faults but yet cover one another in love.

Proverbs 17:9 "He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends."

Matthew 7:3 "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye"

- 2) Endeavoring to keep the unity, eagerly maintaining the unity, and preserving the unity of the Spirit are key to walking in one accord. This takes an everyday approach. No matter how many times a brother stumbles, you must forgive.

Matt. 18:22 "Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times? "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven."

- 3) Satan desires to turn the church against herself, creating divisions due to doctrine, manifestations, and many other minor differences.

Matt. 24:10 "And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another."

Matt. 5:24 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Let Us be One

John 17:21 *"that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."*

John 17:23 *"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one."*

1) Jesus will return for a perfect Bride. It's clear in scripture that we could never accomplish this alone. We need a community of believers to partner in their devotion, zeal, and passion for Jesus. This is His prayer for His Bride that she would "make herself ready". (Rev. 19:7)

Ecc.4:9 *"Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."*

2) The Bride will only reach her fullness when she comes in full agreement, and in one accord with the Body as an entirety.

Eph 4:13 *"till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."*

Eph. 4:31 *"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."*

3) We must agree first as the Bride, then we can agree with the Spirit. Once we reach that upper room unity that the apostles had then we will see an outpouring of even greater measure.

Rev. 22:17 *"And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"*

Fellowship Creates Community

Hebrews 10:25 *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."*

1) The world is searching for friendship, many people drink and party just to fill the void of being alone. If the church were available to offer the fellowship that so many desire we would see immediate salvations.

Eph. 5:18 *"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit."*

Isaiah 56:7 *"Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer."*

2) The House of Prayer is the apostolic community that will unify the Bride of Christ. The Lord will use His House of Prayer to release the fullness of Christ. We will see community, agreement in prayer, and the breaking of bread steward the harvest of souls to come.