

## UNITY

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Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday. The day we remember the great outpouring of God's Spirit. What was it that brought the power of God on the Day of Pentecost? Without a doubt, one of the things that caused it to happen was unity. Acts 2:1 tell us that "when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were ALL with ONE accord in one place. Verse four says, "And they were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

History tells us that approximately 500 people heard Jesus' historic instructions to go and tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. But when the power came, there were only 120 present. What happened to the other 380? I would not have wanted to be one of those who left the upper room the day before the greatest out pouring of God's Spirit. Can you imagine how they must have felt the rest of their lives? Probably some of them joined in later, but they weren't there the day it happened. It would be like a father missing the birth of his child.

I wonder if by the time the number got to 120, all who were going to leave had left and unity was achieved by those who were determined to allow God's will to be done in their lives.

For God's perfect will to be done, there has to be unity. People have got to die out to themselves and their carnal desires and become more focused on allowing God's will to be done, rather than their will.

Throughout the book of Acts we see a church that was virtually unstoppable as long as they were in unity. As soon as division set in however, the church's impact on society weakened.

Psalms 133:1 says, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Verse 3 says, ....." for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

If we want to be in a position where the blessings of God are commanded for us, then we need to be in line with what God is doing in our midst. There must be unity.

Somebody says, "Well, I don't like this and I don't like that." There will always be some things that we don't like. As we are learning on Wednesday nights, we are all different. But the truth of the matter is that it's not really about you or me and what we like or don't like. It's about God and His will being done in our church. One thing for certain, His perfect will, will not be done if there isn't unity!

Would you like to see the greatest outpouring of God's Spirit and Power that we have ever seen? I would! Let's focus on unity and getting in one mind and one accord, and see what God will do among us.

Unity doesn't come because of revival, revival comes because of unity.