

**TOGETHER WITH ONE HEART AND ONE PURPOSE.
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What happened shortly after the resurrection of Jesus?

Acts 2:1-3(KJV)

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

- The glory of the Lord is being manifested.

One accord - *“being together” of one mind, one passion”.*

How do you get 120 people in *one accord* or *together of one mind, one passion*?

Answer: *They were all dead to themselves.*

- They had no agendas.
- All that mattered was that they had obeyed the words of Jesus.
- Where were the thousands after the crucifixion?

1Corinthians 15:3-6-AMP

3 For I passed on to you first of all what I also had received, that Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for our sins in accordance with [*what*] the Scriptures [*foretold*], [*Isa. 53:5-12.*]

4 That He was buried, that He arose on the third day as the Scriptures foretold, [*Ps. 16:9, 10.*]

5 And [*also*] that **He appeared to Cephas (Peter), then to the Twelve.**

6 Then later He showed Himself to more than five hundred brethren at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep [*in death*].

Why did He appear too only five hundred?

*On the day of Pentecost, where were the five hundred? It was only **one Hundred twenty** that God's glory was revealed and fell on them.*

Acts 1:4(NKJ)

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;...

- **I believe that five hundred initially waited for the promise.** But as the days past the size the group dwindled.
- Being impatient, some may have decided, ***"We have to go on with our lives; He is gone."***

- Others may have left to worship God in their synagogue in the traditional manner.
- I believe the Lord waited until those who remained had the resolve to say within themselves, ***No matter what, we are not moving, for the Master said wait.***
- Only those who were completely submitted to the Master could make such a commitment.
- No person, activity, or thing mattered as much as obedience to His Words.
- They laid aside dreams, ambitions, goals, and agendas. ***This created an atmosphere where they could be of one purpose and one heart.***
This is the unity God desires to bring us today.

Isaiah 66:2-Passion

“But there is one my eyes are drawn to: ***the humble one, the tender one, the trembling one who lives in awe of all I say.***”

These were the ones who trembled at His Word. *They feared God!*

- We need to have the ***fear of the Lord*** back in our hearts. When we look at **God, “Elōhiym - The One True God...a root word that means the “Strong One,” ...a root that denotes fear, which therefore creates the idea of reverence, awe, and respect.**
- Not only does it speak of God as the **Creator (Gen. 1:1; 5:1)**, but also as the **King (Ps. 47:7)**, the **Judge (Ps. 50:6)**, the **Lord (Ps. 86:12)**, and **the Savior (Hosea 13:4)**.

- **Elohiym is plural of Eloach (singular)** -*This is a reference to the trinity.*

So, we see that:

Elōhiym — *the Strong One, who is to be feared, held in awe, honored with the highest of esteem, and revered because of who He is.*

There is a price to pay in serving God. It's called sacrifice.

Luke 14:27-29(NIV)

27 And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?

29 For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him,...

33 (NKJ) "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

- Jesus makes it clear that to follow Him, we must first count the cost.
- There is a price to following Jesus, and He makes the amount certain. The price is nothing short of our lives!
- Yes, salvation is a gift that cannot be bought or earned.
- You cannot retain it if you do not give your entire life in exchange for it! Even a gift must be protected from being lost or stolen.

Matt 10:22(KJV)

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

- The strength to endure is found in freely giving up your life.
- A true believer, a disciple, lays down his life completely for the Master.
- Disciples are steadfast to the end.
- Converts and onlookers may desire the benefits and blessings, but they lack the endurance to last to the end. Eventually they will fade away.

- Only God can truly make us one.
- Unless we have laid all else aside, eventually agendas that were hidden will surface.
- When there are hidden motives, relationships are developed on a superficial level. The outcome is shallow and nonproductive.
 - We can have unity of purpose without obedience to the heart of our Master. Then our productivity is in vain.

Psalm 127:1(NKJ)

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

- God is still looking for those who tremble at His Word! That is where true unity is found.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD REVEALED.

Acts 2:2-3(NKJ)

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

- Divine order was achieved in the hearts of men. In line with the pattern of God, after divine order came God's revealed glory.
- Everyone present was baptized or immersed in the fire of His glorious presence.

Matt 3:11(NIV)

11 "I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Acts 2:43(KJV)

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

- God had revealed a portion of His glory and the people were in awe of His presence and power.

- Daily there were testimonies of tremendous miracles and deliverances.

Men and women came into the kingdom in droves.

If God reveals His glory and the people return to a lack of fear, there is certain judgment.