



## **Unity : The Purpose of His Glory Sunday December 09, 2012**

We've been sharing through the latter part of this year on manifesting His glory, on becoming a people who manifest who our God is, and what He does. We also shared several keys to manifesting His glory. We discussed being a holy people, presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice. We talked about learning to walk in our spiritual authority. We also mentioned that in order to be a people of His glory - we must learn to walk in Unity.

We are spending a few Sunday's discussing the topic of Unity among us as a body/community of believers - so that we can truly be a people who manifest His glory.

### **Review (P1 and P2 in this series):**

Unity - The Place of Anointing, Refreshing, And The Commanded Blessing

Unity - The Key To World Impact

Book of Acts - Unity At Work

Unity - An Intentional Effort

Unity Happens When We All Walk In Humility

Causes of breakdown in unity and what would be some of the 'cures' :

- 'Positionalism' - The mother of James and John
- 'Stubbornness' - Paul and Barnabas
- Cliques, Factions - The Corinthian Church

### **Today: Unity - The Purpose of His Glory**

John 17:20-23

In verses 21 and 23, the Lord Jesus expresses that us being one is key to world impact.

21 that they all may be one, ...that the world may believe that You sent Me.

23 ...that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know....

And in between these two verses, in vs 22, He describes how we will all be one:

Vs 22 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:"

The reason the Lord Jesus shared His Sonship glory with us, is so that we may be one.

### **KEY POINT:**

It is walking in and manifesting His glory - that makes us all one.



We look at this from two perspectives:

1, From the inner working of the glory of God within us : **defining who we are - the LIFE we live**

2, From the outward working of the glory of God through us : **defining what we do - the MINISTRY we carry out**

***1, From the inner working of the glory of God within us : defining who we are***

His glory within us is like having His DNA, His character, His nature within us.

We are all to look like HIM. (Romans 8:29)

His glory within us transforms us to be like Him. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Our oneness comes because all of us are “like Him” - walking like Him.

1 John 2:6

When we walk as Christ walked, in His character, His purity, His humility, His compassion, etc. we are walking in the glory of God.

The question I need to ask myself moment by moment, in the decisions I make, in the choices, in the words, etc. - is this an expression of His DNA? Is this what Jesus would do? Does this represent Him?

***2, From the outward working of the glory of God through us : defining what we do***

Our oneness comes not from a particular teaching, from a particular denomination, from a particular movement - but from all of us manifesting the same glory of God - in character and power.

In ministry, I need to ask myself, does this manifest who Jesus really is and what He would really do in this situation to address this need?

A closer look at the Early Church :

**Book of Acts - Unity At Work**

Several times the phrase “one accord” is used to describe what God was doing among believers:

**Acts 1:14** **These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.**

...and they prepared themselves for the receiving of the outpouring of the Spirit.

**Acts 2:1** **When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.**

...and they received the outpouring of the Spirit and the New Testament church was born.



**Acts 2:46 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,** ...and they saw the rapid growth of the Church, many being saved. They saw a great move of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 4:24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,**

...and they saw God work great signs and wonders.

**Acts 5:12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.**

...and they continued to see great signs and wonders and many were added into the Kingdom of God.

(Please refer to the APC publication "A Church In Revival" PDF available online for the following points)

Some of the key characteristics of the Early believers walking in "Sonship glory" can be seen in the following:

- Birthed in Unity and Prayer
- Continued Daily in What the Lord was Releasing into Their Midst
- Sense of Community—Sharing Together

John G. Lake, the man God used powerfully to shake South Africa, and who set up the Healing Rooms, a ministry that continues today, said this: "The greatest manifestation of the Holy Ghost baptized life ever given to the world was not in the preaching of the apostles; it was not in the wonderful manifestations of God that took place at their hands. It was in the unselfishness manifested by the church....Oh, I wish we could arrive at that place, where this church were baptized to that degree of unselfishness." (Source: The New John G. Lake Sermons, by Gordon Lindsay, 1986).

- Rapid Growth of the Church
- Notable Miracles that Cause Continued Growth of the Church
- Not Devoid of Internal Problems

The Early Church was not devoid of problems. We look at two of the earliest challenges that confronted the Church.

Acts 6 : There was a problem where the Greek speaking Jews and the Hebrew speaking Jews had a problem with each other, that the food distribution to their elderly was not fair. The apostles resolved this problem and the church moved on. The church kept growing.

Acts 15 : There was the doctrinal issue, whether the Gentiles who became believers had to also follow Jewish customs. Here again, the apostles and elders met at Jerusalem, arrived at a decision led by the Holy Spirit, and move on.



**Acts 15:25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,**  
...and they established the counsel of the Lord for the future growth of the Church.

The Early Church affected their then known world. They turned their world upside down.

If we as believers will learn to walk in the “Sonship glory” given to us, we will be able to flow together as one - and together we will impact our world for Jesus Christ!  
Review KEY POINT.



**USEFUL RESOURCES**



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

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