

Acts # 25 “Unity in the Faith” Acts 2:42-47

Acts 2:42-47 is a profile description of the first assembly of Church Age believers who had understood, learned, believed and applied what the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished for them on the cross.

These new believers are now led by the Holy Spirit and they’re living with emphasis on Jesus’ sermon on the Mount with a kingdom-like virtue love for one another.

This group was not attempting to adhere to a law that taught them to love their neighbor as themselves but rather, they voluntarily chose to go the distance and love and provide for each other because they now understood how Jesus loved them.

The secret to experiencing God’s power in the Christian life is always related to biblical truth in our souls.

Devoted believers live within the experiential plan of God, learning His Word, passing momentum tests, advancing to spiritual maturity; thereby fulfilling the will of God for their lives by glorifying Jesus Christ.

If we have fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ resulting from our study of the apostles’ teaching, we are guaranteed to have amazing, genuine Christian fellowship with people.

And if we don’t walk with our Lord in abiding fellowship, people will cause us to become confused, disoriented and ultimately ineffective.

As a side note, although it’s not the primary purpose of the Church to clean up this world to include caring for the poor; it is however an indictment on the Church that the government plays such a substantial role in financially supporting its citizens.

The Book of Acts does not teach or condone communism or socialism.

The Book of Acts supports the concept of doctrinal unity among believers so that the mind of Christ is promoted and our Savior is glorified.

Emphasis on people rather than on biblical truth, especially the mystery doctrine of the Church Age, has done more to destroy unity among members of the royal family of God, than just about anything else.

Unity is being combined with others to form a greater whole.

Unity is harmoniously relating to other members of the royal family of God.

Unity refers to being complete, which means a maximum number of believers execute the plan of God and become invisible heroes.

A maximum amount of invisible heroes not only changes the nation but it also provides a tremendous amount of toleration among believers.

The two greatest enemies of unity among believers which always bring discord are ignorance of biblical truth and arrogance regarding self-righteousness.

Another enemy is wrong focus emphasizing relationships with people over relationship

with God or to assume that a good relationship with people means a good relationship God and both are false.

Worldliness is a system of human viewpoint thinking, so being filled with all the fullness of God means executing the plan of God.

It means ignorance is replaced by wisdom and arrogance is replaced by tolerance, which is virtue-love as a problem-solver.

The most worldly people are those involved in self- righteous arrogance resulting in legalism. Arrogance is the major cause of disunity and problems among people.

A standard of thinking from biblical truth which includes motivation, thought, decision and action related to the mystery doctrine of the Church Age and the unique factors of this dispensation takes the place of worldliness.

God always provides the right pastor for positive believers.

And He never denies biblical teaching to those who cannot assemble with others although non face to face learning is more difficult.

The pastor's ministry is the key to unity among believers.

This means he must be diligent to make a consistent persistent effort to accomplish his job. It means continued exertion of the attributes of the soul and the function of the body to accomplish the divine objective for the pastor, which is to study and teach, study and teach, study and teach.

The sin nature is remarkable as it continues to function after salvation in any circumstance; it never quits until death.

Therefore, the sin nature thrives on human power, human works and human abilities, seeking to use these things to displace the power of God in the execution of His plan.

But divine power and human ability are mutually exclusive; there is no place in God's plan for the function of human power or human ability because God is perfect and His plan is perfect; we are not perfect.