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"In One Accord"

Is there hope for the Church to return to "one accord", under God? Hope to, once again, see the manifestation of God's power to confirm His word and the Unity of His people, as we see it in the book of Acts?

I was particularly impressed by the Holy Spirit, years ago, regarding the "unity" of the new Christians which is recorded in the book of Acts. Here we see a number of references to their all being in "ONE ACCORD". Along with this "one accord"....we also see unique manifestations of the Hand of God in their circumstances, as God seems to be confirming and approving their Unity and His true word. Here is one "for-instance" from Acts 4:

***Act 4:24** And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:"(and so they prayed and then we see inverse 31)... "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."*

I won't even ask.....when the last time you have seen that happen in any of our Christian churches or Fellowships.

There are some things in God's governing rules for His creation that require harmony and "**agreement**" in order for them to run right!! Think about it.....

A human body works best when all it's parts are functioning in Harmony...under the direction of the head. "Harmony" & "Agreement". Do I need to labor that analogy? I think not.

Without agreement, without harmony and unitywithout being...
"in One Accord", we Christians end up... opposing ourselves. Which, I would
imagine, delights the enemy of our souls. For, as long as we are opposing
ourselves we just **can't** be very effective at resisting him, let alone
defeating him.

However, **IF**.....we were to somehow.....someday.....be able to
come together "**In ONE ACCORD**" around "**THE TRUTH**"..... under the
direction of the head of the body;**JESUS CHRIST**.

Then..."this place"...(the world)...would, no doubt, be shaken again.
...And we would all be filled with the Holy Ghost, and we would speak the
word of God with boldness. The earth and the heavens would be shaken.
No more acting like children but then; manifesting our Fathers nature and
acting in harmony and "**in one accord**" on His behalf as Sons, mature sons of
God, without further need of rebuke or correction, "manifest Sons of God".

Then, the knowledge of the glory of the Lord would fill the earth. Then,
things would change, both in heaven and earthdrastically. Then, there
would be real change that would be everlasting. Then, would be fulfilled the
purposes that God has ordained for the Church since the foundations of the
world.

It is going to happen, for it is God's plan !! The question is; "***are you and I
going to be major participants with Him in this plan, or just wait and
see 'ers'***" ? Like the wise and then the foolish virgins.....who is in and who is
out?

D. L. Moody is credited with this basic thought :

***"It is nearly impossible for us to comprehend the impact that one
man or woman would have on mankind, who would fully seek and
allow Christ in them to mature them and then manifest Himself
completely through them."***

If that is true....and I believe it is....how much more would two or three or

ten or hundreds like that, coming together in "**one accord**", be able to do?
All working in Harmony under the direction of our Head....Jesus Christ.

Compare the results of Saul's army with that of David and his army as each had their chance to take back "***the city of Jerusalem***".

Saul, because of disobedience and self interest, jealousy, strife and the big "I'm in charge" syndrome..... couldn't get it done. God withdrew his anointing from him. God would not confirm, enable or empower the "self" Saul choose to manifest. Therefore, Saul lost the credibility he had with many of his people. Plus, in the end, he lost not only his life but the lives of many who stayed with him and certainly any chance of taking back Jerusalem.

David, on the other hand, "**behaved himself**" and as he came out of his wilderness experience, he came first with just a very few followers, who gathered with him.....then.....a few more and then a few more, even unto a mighty army of mighty men of valor who served him with all their hearts, and they... "**got'er done**". They drove out and defeated the Jebusites and took back the city of "Jerusalem".

Another amazing difference between Saul and David is that these who came out of the wilderness and gathered to David to anoint him king were in **solid unity** behind their King. This is summarized in **1 Chronicles 12:38** where it says;

*"All these men of war, **that could keep rank**, came with a **perfect heart** to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of **one heart** to make David king."*

These were the mighty men of war of David's army who came together in harmony with each other and in "**one accord**" under David's leadership, to

defeat the enemy that Saul could not and to **take back** this last stronghold held by the enemy.....The city of "**Jerusalem**".

Saul represents, **in type**, the disjointed, divided church leadership of the body of Christ, down through the centuries, that has gone it's own way, done it's own thing and found itself in opposition to itself and to the purposes of God for the church.

Our David, **in type**, is Jesus Christ.

David's mighty men of valor, **in type**, are chosen from among those who came out of their caves of separation from Saul in their wilderness experiences. Those who will believe on Him (Jesus Christ) and trust Him in all things. Those who will choose, willingly, to lay down their lives to serve Him. Those who will come into "**unity**" around His truth and from perfected hearts will choose to come under His rule. Those who will "**keep rank**" and work together, not apposing themselves, each other or God's purposes for them. Those with perfected hearts united together. **Those with Perfected hearts that only the Holy Spirit can produce in us as we submit every fleshly idea, every leavened doctrine. every carnal desire and every thought captive for Him to deal with.**

"**Jerusalem**", **in type**, represents "The **new Jerusalem**"..."the City of God, whose builder and maker is God"....builded with many living stones! A place where peace and joy and righteousness dwells therein for those who will enter in and remain. "**Jerusalem**"...the City of our God, where His temple is, where His throne is, **which is within us**. This is the place of God's abode, this is the place of His rest, where we are in Him and He is in us. Here, in our hearts, wherin is the temple of the Holy Ghost, the dwelling place of God!! "**Jerusalem**", the last strong hold of the enemy!!

The "**Jebusites**", **In type**, represent; the last enemy to control "**Jerusalem**"... those **spiritual principalities and powers** who sit on the

walls of "*God's New Jerusalem*" and say to Jesus; "*you can't come in and rule here*", even as the Jebusites did to David. The battle, then, was in the natural. The final battle, now, will be in the Spirit. This final battle over who will control, who will govern, who will have dominion, who will rule and reign from "the city" which is God's. These "**Jebusites**", in type, are the **true enemies** of God's Kingdom or government, which is within us. Enemies who have entrenched themselves in our hearts and from there have, to one degree or another, influenced our outward actions, which has effected God's creation in such an evil manner, for centuries.

Remember; "**Jerusalem**", in type, is the last stronghold to be taken by God's people. It is God's plan that it be taken, but only by warriors of God who are united "**in one accord**" under the authority and power and leadership of our David; **Jesus, the Christ**. This "**New Jerusalem**", this Holy City, is where God's temple is found. Here, is where the seat of His government or Kingdom is. Do not look for it here or there, for it is within us and...**It is at hand!**

Isaiah 62: 6-7 "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace, day nor night; Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence and give Him no rest, 'till He establish and 'till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

So what are we to do Lord?

An old song comes to mind that we used to sing in grade school.....the words go something like this;

*Give me some men who are stout-hearted men,
who will fight for the right they adore.
Start me with ten who are stout-hearted men
and I'll soon give you ten thousand more.....*

Well....you git the drift of what I'm thinkin'So, what **are** we to do?...
...Back on our knees, we go, cause we can do nothing without Him.