



One Accord

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication. Acts 1:14

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Acts 2:1

"Friendship is an entire sameness, it is one soul in two bodies. A friend is another self." (ancient Gk saying)

To be in one accord has little to do with singing the same spiritual songs, enjoying church programs together or even agreeing about every detail. In the Old Covenant, one accord is generally used to describe unanimous participation in a specific action.

In the New Covenant, the Lord goes deep using a special word, ὁμοθυμαδόν/homothumadon, which has to do with a community of believers becoming one soul or one passion. The word describes the many-membered body of Christ with no schisms, no divided interests, no discordant purposes who become one soul that pants in passion for the same thing.

The idea of people becoming one soul is not new to the New Covenant. We have an Old Covenant example in Jonathan and David whose friendship was a unique sameness of soul.

And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. I Sam. 18:1,3

Jesus took it much further than two becoming one soul when He prayed for oneness in His many-membered body with God and with one another.

I in them, and You in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent me, and have loved them, as You have loved me. John 17:23

Where this oneness of soul is, the Holy Spirit moves in great power (and vice versa).

This is what is recorded in the Book of Acts when the early believers were in one accord:

Acts 2:2: The Holy Spirit came like a mighty rushing wind filling the room and all who were there.

Acts 2:46-47: They had gladness, singleness of heart, favor with the people, all things in common, souls added daily to the Ekklesia.

Acts 4:31: The place was shaken, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the word with boldness.

Acts 4:32-35: They were one heart and one soul, had no lack.

Acts 5:12-16: Multitudes of souls added, signs, wonders and miracles.

When the world sees God's many-membered body in one accord/soul, they will know that the Father sent Yeshua and loved them with the same love He has for His Son.

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