

CHURCH IN REGINA

John 17:11 ...Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given to Me, that they may be one even as We are.

HWMR Week 5—The Factor of the Genuine One Accord

Taking Care of the One Accord

The four Gospels tell us how the Lord spent three and a half years to teach His disciples. Much of this teaching is recorded in the Gospels, yet the Lord said in John that He had many things to say to the disciples that they could not bear but that He would die and resurrect and come back in another form as the Spirit of reality. As the Spirit of reality, He would not only remind the disciples of what He had spoken to them but also go on to tell them something further (John 14:16-20, 25-26; 16:12-15). In the three and a half years of His earthly ministry, the Lord passed on many teachings to the disciples. Then He went away through His death and came back within three days to stay with them as the life-giving Spirit. After breathing Himself into His disciples, He stayed with them for forty days to train them to experience His invisible presence. He then ascended to the heavens, leaving the disciples on this earth. What did the one hundred twenty do? **They did nothing except to pray, and the key of their prayer was the one accord (Acts 1:14).**

In Matthew 18:19 the Lord spoke concerning two or three being in harmony on something in prayer. The word harmony in this verse is not as strong as the phrase one accord. The word in Greek for one accord, *homothumadon*, is strong and all-inclusive. *Homo* means “**the same**,” and *thumos* means “**mind, will, purpose (soul, heart)**.” The Chinese version of the Bible translates this word into a Chinese word meaning “the same mind and the same will.” In Romans 15:6 the King James Version translates this word into “one mind.”

In the book of Acts the one hundred twenty prayed together in one mind, in the same mind, in the same will with the same purpose around and within the soul and the heart. **Whenever we pray, we surely should exercise our spirit, but we also should be in the same mind and the same will with the same purpose around and within our soul and heart.** This means that **our entire being is involved.** After the Lord’s ascension the one hundred twenty became the kind of persons who were in one mind, in one will, with one purpose around their soul and heart. For them to be in one accord meant that their entire beings were one. No other book of the Bible uses the word for one accord as much as Acts.

In Acts the three main factors for the spreading of the gospel as an impact were **prayer**, the **Spirit**, and the **Word**. According to the Bible and according to history, these three items are the only way for the gospel to be prevailing...The one accord is the **key** and the **life pulse** of prayer, the Spirit, and the Word. You may pray much, seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and acquire a lot of knowledge from the Word, yet if you are short of the one accord, you cannot see the blessing.

Church Meetings:

Lord’s Table Meeting

Lord’s Day
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays
7:00 - 8:00 PM

College Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Small Group Meeting

Fridays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Young Peoples’ Meeting

Saturdays
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Conferences & Trainings:

October International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones

October 8-10, 2021

International Thanksgiving Weekend Conference

November 25-28, 2021

Winter Training

December 20-25, 2021

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NEW LANGUAGE

One accord
for the
Lord’s Move

The One Accord in Romans, First and Second Corinthians, and Philippians

The one accord revealed in the New Testament is a great matter. This is why Paul indicated to the saints in Rome that they had to take care of being in one accord (Rom. 15:5-6). There were many troubles in the church in Corinth, and the **real factor of all these troubles was dissension**. Some said that they were of Paul and appreciated him. Others said that they were of Apollos and probably appreciated his way to teach the Bible. Still others appreciated Cephas, or Peter (1 Cor. 1:12). This is disaccord, dissension. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians has more problems in it than any of his other Epistles. There are at least ten problems in 1 Corinthians, that all came out of the same source of **disaccord**, having **different opinions** and **not speaking the same thing** (1:10).

In 1 and 2 Corinthians Paul does not use the phrase one accord, but he does stress speaking the same thing. For one person to say that he is of Paul and another to say that he is of Apollos indicates that they are not speaking the same thing. We all have to say, "I am of Christ." To say "I am of Paul" or "I am of Apollos" is just like Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration saying that he would make three tabernacles—one for Moses, one for Elijah, and one for Jesus. Then a voice came out of the cloud that overshadowed them: "This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!" And suddenly, "When they looked around, they no longer saw anyone, but Jesus only with them" (Mark 9:7-8). We all need to **speak the same thing**. Why should Paul, Apollos, and Cephas be mentioned? This is why Paul asked the Corinthians, "Is Christ divided?" (1 Cor. 1:13). In Paul's second Epistle to the church in Corinth he also charged them to "**think the same thing**" (13:11). In his letter to the Philippians Paul likewise charged the saints to think the same thing (2:2; 4:2).

The Crucial Need Today—the Recovery of the One Accord

The Lord's church, His Body, His testimony, has been altogether cut into pieces by the Christians through the centuries not being in one accord. Many know the Lord and know the Bible to some extent, but they would not be in one accord. **Where is the one accord?** It is hard to see such a thing in Christian history, so the Lord has suffered...**Today we are in the Lord's recovery**, and especially we are in His new move, His up-to-date move. We must see that the **crucial need today is the recovery of this one accord**. If this is not among us, we are through. Then you may say that the Lord will go to others, but it is hard for Him to go to others...Where could the Lord go then? In a sense the Lord becomes "pitiful" because of us. He has nowhere to go, and He has come to us. He has been "pitiful" for years.

We must realize that the practices in the Lord's recovery are not matters for others to copy. You must have the life. To do anything you need the life. You have to see what the landmark was of the one hundred twenty in the book of Acts. The landmark that divides the Gospels and the Acts was not the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The landmark was the one accord of the one hundred twenty. If you want to experience the baptism in the Spirit, you must have the one accord. If all the members of a local church have the one accord, the baptism in the Spirit will be there. If you really want to practice the proper way to preach the gospel, you need the one accord. Without this key, no door can be opened. The one accord is the "master key to all the rooms," the master key to every blessing in the New Testament...What we need is to recover this one accord. **If we mean business to go along with the Lord's present-day move, we need this one accord. Who is right does not mean anything; we need this one accord.** We need to have the *same mind* and the *same will* for the *same purpose* with the *same soul* and the *same heart*. Philippians tells us that this matter starts from our spirit (1:27), yet we must realize that we are not persons of spirit only. We are persons also of the mind, will, purpose, soul, and heart. For us to be in the same one spirit with the same one soul, one mind, and one will is to have the one accord, which is the key to all the New Testament blessings and bequests. (*Excerpts from The Elders' Training Book 7: One Accord for the Lord's Move, Chapter 1*).

Announcements:

1. Bible distribution at noon to 2pm at Glencairn Park on August 27.
2. Brothers' Pursuit Meeting at 6pm at Bro. Joseph Miranda's place on August 29.
3. Northern California Labor Day Conference on September 3 (Msg 1 at 7:30pm) and September 5 (Msg 2 at 10:30am). The conference will be via Zoom. Our LTM will be moved to 9:30am.
4. 2021 Calgary YP Fall Conference online on September 17-19.

Prayer Burdens:

1. Thank You, Lord for calling us into one Body and one Spirit. Teach us to practice the genuine one accord in the church. Swallow any differences among us so our oneness can be displayed.
2. Heal us from our hidden sickness of not practicing the one accord. Make us vital, keeping the oneness of the Spirit, the oneness of the Body in the one accord according to Your desire.
3. Lord, grant us a same mind and a same will with the same purpose around and within our soul and heart. May we all be in harmony in everything we do in the church life and continue steadfastly in one accord.
4. Keep us under the teaching and fellowship of the apostles. We want to practice oneness while having one mind and hearing one speaking. Give us ear to hear what You are speaking to all the churches.
5. Lord, encourage us to practice the one accord by being attuned in the same mind and speaking the same thing. Save us from darkness and from our opinions. We take you as our center and our light.
6. Lord, again and again we endeavor to practice the oneness by the one accord. Command Your blessing to be poured out on us. Guard our mind, our love and our speaking from anything that can contaminate us.

Other Burdens:

1. Pray for the Church in Airdrie and for the migration of saints in this city to strengthen the Lord's testimony.
2. Pray for the Church in Edmonton and their need for a new meeting hall.

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the household salvation of Aparato Family, Lamadrid Family and Chua Family.
2. Pray for our college students for this upcoming Fall Term. May they be channels of life and seeds of the gospel in their campuses—Brothers Vincent, Eric, Christian, Guytan and Sisters Priscilla, Gillian and Mika. Pray for bible distribution on Friday, August 27, 2021.
3. Pray for Aitong Liu's immigration application. Select them in Your time that they may also come here, be saved, see the church and be Your testimony.
4. Pray for Sis. Estela Miranda's recovery from shoulder rotator cuff surgery. Grant her a full recovery as soon as possible.
5. Pray for Bro. Dindo Ballao's health and continuing recovery. Preserve the whole family as they settle here in Regina for Your testimony.
6. Pray for Bro. George Chua's recovery from bypass surgery. Remember him, Lord. May his sickness be Your way to reveal Yourself to him. Grant him repentance and full recovery. Strengthen Sister Venus and their whole family during this time.