

Acts 1:8

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

Acts 4:32

*32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.*

Acts 4:23-31

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 118:22

*22The stone the builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone;*

Matthew 21:23-27

## Matthew 21:42-45

*42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"*

*43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.*

*44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them.*

If we are to be one in heart and mind, we also need to recognize that God is sovereign, that his eternal plan has been revealed to us through Jesus Christ, and that we are servants of God, participating in his eternal plan of salvation.



# Ephesians 2:14-22

It matters how we live. It matters how we see ourselves. We can't afford to live selfishly and independently. We are to be a part of God's redemptive plan.

In his book, “I Am A Church Member”, Thomas S. Rainer writes: “I like the metaphor of membership. It’s not membership as in a civic organization or a country club. It’s the kind of membership given to us in 1 Corinthians 12: ‘Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it’ (1 Cor. 12:27). Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an ‘eye,’ and ‘ear,’ or a ‘hand.’ As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will evangelize. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that ‘if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it’ (1 Cor. 12:26).”

I believe that tonight God is asking us, “Will you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, be a faithful servant in my house?” Will you live in my house with desire and determination, and repentance. Will you say like the psalmist David, “One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple (Psalm 27:4)”?