



“The Congregation . . . Were of One Heart & Soul” (Acts 4:32-37)

Introduction: The statement in the title of our lesson regarding the church in Jerusalem is truly a monumental testimony to those first Christians and the work of that local church. How did they accomplish that with so many people?

- I. They _____ Together (Ax. 2:42)
- II. They _____ for Brethren Together (Ax. 4:34; 2:44-45)
- III. They Spent _____ Together (Ax. 2:46-47)
- IV. They Stuck Together During _____ (Ax. 4:13-31; 12:5-17)
- V. They _____ the Unruly (Ax. 5; 1 Cor. 5:1-4)
- VI. They Were Concerned About _____ (Ax. 13:1-3; 14:27-28)
- VII. They Worked On _____ Together (Ax. 6:1-7; 15:1-33)
 - A) Acts 6:1-7 (Problem from _____)
 - 1. Those with the problem handled it _____ (Phil. 2:14; 1 Pet. 4:9).
 - 2. The apostles were good leaders.
 - 3. They led the congregation in dealing with the problem (vs. 2-3).
 - 4. The result - _____ (v. 7).
 - B) Acts 15:1-33 (Problem from _____)
 - 1. Report of evangelistic efforts to the church, apostles and elders (v. 4).
 - 2. Meeting with apostles and elders and the _____ (vs. 6; 12).
 - 3. “It seemed good to...” who? (vs. 22; 25)
 - 4. The results:
 - (a) Jerusalem “...having become of one mind” (v. 25).
 - (b) Antioch “rejoiced because of its encouragement” (vs. 30-33).

VIII. Application

- A) From the _____ we see that congregations worked together in “good times and bad” to function as a local church.
- B) Are we doing the things together as being “of one heart and soul”?
- C) Are you helping as we seek to be a congregation of those who believe and are “of one heart and soul”?

Conclusion: What was the result when they did all of these things together? Notice the title again. And, as a result the church grew.

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Answers:
worshipped, cared, time, crises, disciplined, evangelism, problems, within, wrong, growth, without, church, scriptures.

