

Great Grace
Acts 4:32-37

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I. A great number of believers had sharing hearts. Acts 4:32

After all the great things that happened, many receive Christ, as **Multitude** means a _____ number. *Who are all of these people?*

- Being of **one heart and one soul** tells us these early believers were interested in the same things, believed the same things, and were completely unified as if they were _____ in Christ.

Because these early believers believed so desperately that people needed Jesus, there was no _____ or disunity in their ranks.

II. Great power and grace. Acts 4:33

According to the Greek Lexicon, the word **Great** is the Greek word "*meGas*" (English for Mega), meaning big, exceedingly great, large, high, loud, _____, or strong.

- Jesus' love, power, wisdom, and foreknowledge are mightier than we could ever imagine, and He _____ mega-storms in our lives to teach us the things we need to learn.

"Great/mega grace" should remind us how we must _____ on the unmerited favor of God, rather than ourselves.

III. Sharing is caring. Acts 4:34-35

"Communism says, 'What's yours is mine and I'll take it!'" _____ says, "What is mine is yours; I'll share it!" (Reese)

- It is a ploy of the enemy to _____ us over _____ differences. Genuine faith and love for the LORD _____ these followers to assist their brethren with worldly needs.

IV. The Son of Encouragement. Acts 4:36-37

As the Apostles recognized his character and the gift _____ by the Holy Spirit, they called Barnabas the Son of Encouragement.

- The _____ gift of compassion intensifies a Christian's connection to the suffering of others, deepening their desire and ability to show mercy and care to those in need.

V. Practical Application.

In **Acts 4**, because the Holy Spirit was moving and the Christians were _____ to Him, the LORD gave Great power and Great grace to the church.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 4:32**. What does the statement that they, "were of one heart and one soul" mean? Why was there no selfishness amongst the early believers within this verse?
Acts 2:41-42, Philippians 2:2-11, 1 John 3:17
2. Read **Acts 4:33**. Discuss the meaning of the word great within the Koine Greek language. Define grace. Discuss what great power and great grace look like within our lives.
Ephesians 2:8-9, Mark 4:35-41, 1 Corinthians 4:20, Ephesians 6:10, Romans 11:6, Hebrews 4:16
3. Read **Acts 4:34-35**. Discuss the comment Garrett Reese made about communism found within point III. of the sermon note sheet. Discuss the differences between Christians sharing with other believers compared to communism.
4. Discuss the criteria of offering financial support **Ephesians 5:18, 2 Thessalonians 3:10**. (The church leadership must discern who is truly needy **1 Timothy 5:3**. If someone can support themselves, they should **1 Timothy 5:8**. If a family member can support a needy person, the church should not support them **1 Timothy 5:3-4**. Those who are financially supported by the church should later try to give back to the church **1 Timothy 5:5, 10**. It is right for the church to examine moral conduct before giving financial support **1 Timothy 5:9-13**. The financial support of the church should be to cover the basic necessities of life **1 Timothy 6:8**.)
5. Read **Acts 4:36-37**. Discuss how all believers should possess compassion. Also, discuss the specific spiritual gift of compassion.
Matthew 5:16, Galatians 2:16, Psalm 133:1, John 17:20-21, Colossians 3:12-13, Luke 10:30-37