

Why One Heart, One Voice?



In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus gave His disciples a simple command. It's one of the most talked about commands in all of Scripture.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

The instruction is simple: Go!

The details are given: 1) Make disciples of all nations. 2) Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, 3) teach them to do the same things I've commanded you!

And, as if to answer any objections we might have, Jesus adds: Don't worry, I am going to be with you, all the way to the end. You don't go alone!

Do we need to be educated, talented, or experienced soul-winners to go make disciples? Do we need to be good on stage? Do we need to be a certain gender, a certain skin color, or a certain age? The answer to all the above is a resounding, "No!" All we need is a heart that truly loves Jesus, follows Jesus, and genuinely wants to lead others back to Him. Even a child qualifies!

However, before we go, there's another equally important command in Scripture that we often forget about in our eagerness to go win souls. It's found in Acts 1:4-5.

"And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Yes, you heard it right! Before we go, we must wait! However, this waiting is not about sitting idly around twiddling our thumbs. It's an active time of heart preparation for ourselves and our families.

In Acts 1:8 we read the promise that will be fulfilled in our lives when we truly take time to seek after Jesus with all our heart. Jesus said, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

In this passage we see that receiving the Holy Spirit doesn't stop at heart preparation. What He teaches us must transfer to living vibrant practical life application, which means it will affect every area of our life. It will affect every relationship, how we talk, how we spend our money, how we spend our time, how we win souls, how we treat those we don't like, and most importantly, how we treat and worship God.

We will also be His witnesses, to the ends of the earth. But you see, there's a preparation before that can take place. What happened in the Upper Room preceding Pentecost is actually the key to what must happen in our lives today, before we can receive the Latter Rain outpouring in full power. This preparation time can't be rushed. If we don't take time to prepare our hearts, following the disciple's example in the Upper Room, we can go through all the right motions, and we might even preach some great sermons, but without love for those around us, we will sound like "tinkling brass" and "clanging cymbals."

Let's review what happened with the disciples during those 10 days in the Upper Room.

- They gathered together to wait for the promise.
- They humbled their hearts in true repentance.
- They confessed their unbelief.
- They recalled the words of Jesus regarding His sacrifice.
- They repeated to one another truths they remembered.
- They meditated upon Jesus' holy life.
- They determined to share Jesus with the world.
- They prayed with intense earnestness to lead sinners to Jesus.
- They put away differences and came close together in fellowship.
- They praised Jesus in song for sins forgiven.
- They contemplated with wonder the love of God.
- They took hold of the imparted gift.

And what was the result?

"The Spirit came upon the waiting, praying disciples with a fullness that reached every heart... Lost in wonder, the apostles exclaimed, 'Herein is love.' They grasped the imparted gift. And what followed? ... Thousands were converted in a day" (Ellen G. White, Acts of the Apostles, p. 38).

The revival that started in the hearts of those in the Upper Room in Jerusalem, didn't stay with them. It extended to Judea, to Samaria, and to the remotest parts of the world. And the same will be true with any genuine moving of the Holy Spirit in these last days. Are we ready to receive this heavenly gift?

The famous evangelist Dwight L. Moody once said, when reflecting on the church's great need, "God has got a good many children who have just barely got life, but not power for service. You might say safely, I think, without exaggeration, that nineteen out of every twenty of professed Christians are of no earthly account so far as building up Christ's kingdom; but on the contrary they are standing right in the way, and the reason is because they have just got life and settled down and have not sought for power" (V. Raymond Edman, They Found the Secret, p. 103).

It's amazing to think that even greater days of Holy Spirit outpouring lie just ahead for us as a church when, filled with the Spirit, we also will share the gospel commission with one heart and one voice all around the world. Do you want to be part of this amazing movement of believers who will give the final call? You can be!

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MISSION FOR ALL



We have started the 1-year countdown to OneVoice27. Each month we will be doing a Bible study to help prepare our hearts to be effective disciple-makers for the Kingdom.

To see the first lesson, titled “Prepare,” click here: [Prepare](#)

To download this month’s lesson, titled “Examine,” click here: [Examine](#)

On Sunday, October 4th, join us at 7am EST on Zoom, as Don MacLafferty and GC Prayer Ministries lead a heart preparation and prayer time based on this month’s lesson.

Preparing for OneVoice27

World Church Prayer Requests

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- **OneVoice Prayer Request 1:** Pray that people everywhere will recognize that they were created in the image of God and respond by worshipping their Creator.
- **OneVoice Prayer Request 2:** Pray that those seeking the truth will courageously leave spiritual confusion and embrace God's Word.
- **OneVoice Prayer Request 3:** Pray for endurance and faithfulness among believers facing trials and persecution.
- **OneVoice Prayer Request 4:** Pray that the worldwide church will proclaim the gospel with one voice and one mission.
- **East-Central Africa Division:** Pray for boldness. Pray that the Lord will strip away all fear from our hearts and empower us to stand firmly and proclaim the Everlasting Gospel with profound power and heavenly might to all people in preparation for Christ's soon return.
- **Euro-Asia Division:** Pray for church growth. The effort is huge, but the results are small. Pray that God will encourage His workers and strengthen them for a mighty harvest.
- **Inter-European Division:** Pray that OneVoice27 will be an occasion to unite the church in the EUD for mission. Pray that all, young and old, will be given a fresh fire of urgency and will work boldly for God's mission.
- **North American Division:** Pray that individually and as congregations we would Serve Like Jesus in order to meet the real needs of people around us and represent well the ministry of Jesus.
- **South American Division:** Pray for the preparations of OneVoice27 in all our churches and institutions. Pray that God will unite all in a passion and drive to serve Him together.

- **South Pacific Division:** Pray for the new opportunities for volunteers in cross-cultural ministry within the South Pacific Division and the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.
- **Southern Asia Division:** Pray for God's intervention as a division school is having issues with its local government. Pray for God to send wisdom, clarity, and kindness and that the officials will grant favor on behalf of the school.
- **Trans-European Division:** Pray for the mission in Greece, that God will open doors and close conflict. Pray that many will be drawn to Jesus in a deeper way.
- **West-Central Africa Division:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to revive and reform all pastors and members as they fulfill their mission.
- **Chinese Union Mission:** Pray for the safety of God's workers in China.
- **Middle East and North Africa Union Mission:** Pray for lasting peace among nations and political groups in the Middle East.
- **Ukrainian Union Conference:** Pray that the communities of Ukraine will be filled with people of prayer.
- **Israel Field:** Pray for the successful acquisition and renovation of a new church facility.