

Message Four

Acting and Moving as One Body and in the Unique Flow

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:14; 2:42, 46; Rev. 22:1

- I. **The book of Acts is a record of a group of believers who act in the Body, through the Body, and for the Body—Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:13, 20:**
 - A. According to the record of the book of Acts, the apostles and disciples always acted as one Body; all their actions were the actions of the one Body—4:32.
 - B. Chapter after chapter in Acts records the move and activity of the Body, not of individual believers:
 1. The one hundred twenty prayed together with one accord, preached the gospel, bore the testimony of Jesus, and always acted together as one Body—1:14; 2:1, 4, 14, 46-47.
 2. Philip's preaching was not an individual action; his preaching was related to the move of the Body—8:4-17.
 - C. The activities recorded in Acts were not only of the Body but also for the Body, that is, for the building up of the churches—v. 1; 9:31:
 1. The believers acted in a way that was for the building up of the Body.
 2. The issue and result of what they did was the building up of the church.
 - D. Acts contains a beautiful picture of the one accord in the activities, work, and move of the believers; they always moved as the Body, in the Body, through the Body, and for the Body—1:14; 2:42, 46.
- II. **The book of Acts reveals that the apostles and the disciples moved, acted, and worked in the unique flow, in the one divine stream—1:8; 2:46-47; 4:33; 5:20, 42-42; 8:4; 9:31; 13:1-4; 28:31:**
 - A. Acts shows us the divine stream, the divine current—8:4; 13:1-4.
 - B. The book of Acts is a record of the unique move of God's economy—the unique stream of the work of the Lord, the stream of life, which is still flowing and never stops flowing—28:31; Rev. 22:1:
 1. The Bible reveals the flowing Triune God—the Father as the fountain of life, the Son as the spring of life, and the Spirit as the river of life—Jer. 2:13; Psa. 36:9a; John 4:14; 7:37-39.
 2. The source of the flow is the throne of God and of the Lamb—Rev. 22:1.
 3. In the Scriptures there is only one flow, only one divine stream, the unique stream of the Lord's work—1 Cor. 16:10; 3:12; cf. Gen. 2:10-14.
 4. The book of Acts reveals that there is only one stream of the move of the Lord and that we need to keep ourselves in this one stream—15:35-41:
 - a. The flowing of the divine life, which started on the day of Pentecost and has been flowing throughout all generations to this day, is just one stream.
 - b. The history of the church shows that throughout the generations there has been one stream of the Spirit flowing all the time; many have been working for the Lord, but not all have been in the flowing of that one stream.

- c. The work in the flowing of the Holy Spirit is not a burden but a rest; the work is easy to do and the burden is easy to bear when it is the processed and consummated God as the Spirit living in us who does the work and bears the burden—Matt. 11:28-30; Phil. 3:3; Rom. 1:9; 1 Cor. 15:10.
- d. We should go along with the flowing, the current, of the work of the Holy Spirit; whatever we do should be according to His flowing—Rev. 22:1.