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Acts, Part 04

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Introduction Summary

This study covers **Acts 3:1 - 4:33**. We will see how it is vital for us, the body of Christ, to walk in love and be in one accord. These Scriptures show us how unity causes God's great power to manifest so that notable miracles can bless the people who believe on Jesus.

- I. **Acts 3:1-5:** The ninth hour is the same as 3:00 pm in today's time.
 - A. **V2-5:** *A certain man* means that it was *a specific person*.
 - B. **V6-7:** *Name* is not a title. It is Jesus' character and authority. His character is love and His authority is higher than all authority.
 - C. Peter and John were doing what Jesus told them to do in Mark 16:15-20.
 - D. **V7-11:** The man was instantly healed.

- II. **V11:** Solomon's Porch is a very large place where people gather.
 - A. **V12:** Power means supernatural ability.
 - B. **V13-14:** The murderer was Barabbas.
 - C. **V16:** The man's trust was in the name of Jesus.
 - 1. Remember the *5 Elements of Faith*.
 - 2. Faith comes with the Word (Rom. 10:17).
 - 3. Peter and John learned about how faith works from Jesus, Himself.
 - 4. Faith is an Act. Faith healed that man.
 - D. **V17:** They crucified Jesus in ignorance.
 - E. **V18:** The prophets spoke of Christ's suffering (Psa. 16:8-10; Isa. 53:5).

- III. **V19:** Repent means to reconsider, turn around or go in the opposite direction.
 - A. Jesus paid for everyone's sin (2 Cor. 5:21).
 - B. So why do we need to do anything else?
 - C. John 3:16 says *whoever believes* on Him should not perish. We must receive Him.
 - D. **V20-21:** *Times of restitution* is when all these things shall be fulfilled.
 - 1. That is when the earth lease (Gen. 1:26-28) comes to an end.
 - 2. All the prophets foretell of the end of days.
 - 3. We are at the end. Live as though it can happen at any moment.
 - 4. **V22-26:** God has continually warned mankind about the end of days.

- IV. **Acts 4:1-4:** Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection from the dead.
- V. **V5-6:** Everyone shows up because of this notable miracle.
 - A. **V7:** Power means supernatural ability or authority.
 - B. **V8-10:** There is one Baptism with the Holy Ghost and many re-fillings.
 - C. It can be said this way: "...by the love and authority of Jesus."
 - D. Those rulers and chiefs thought they were done with Jesus.
 - E. **V11:** Those leaders knew what that meant. Peter quoted Psa. 118:22.
 - F. **V11:** Deliverance comes only through Jesus, the head of the corner.
- VI. **V13:** The anointing made them bold, just as the anointing will make you bold.
 - A. **V14:** No one could question the miracle they saw.
 - B. **V15-18:** The government tried to stop them from preaching the Gospel.
 - C. **V19-22:** That man's healing caused many to glorify God.
 - D. Healing is God's calling card to the world.

Testimony: *In the 1990's, Marilyn Hickey invited me to preach with her in Pakistan. As I ministered the Word, the Word of Knowledge came forth. Healings occurred all over where we were gathered. It resulted in an altar call in which thousands of people accepted Jesus as Lord.*

- VII. **V23:** They went to their own company (at least 8,100 people). We should all have our own company – the body of believers to which God has assigned us.
 - A. **V24-26:** That whole group was in one accord.
 - B. They all agreed on the Scripture (Psalm 2:1-12) that was read out loud.
 - C. God is against strife (Mark 3:25; 1 Cor. 11:27-30).
 - D. **V24-30:** The disciples' continued to pray (2 Kings 19:15; Psa. 2:1-4).
 - E. **V31:** Being in one accord, they set aside their differences and their prayers were answered.
- VIII. **V32-33:** They were of one heart. God's love moved them to share all their possessions.

Closing Summary

As we have seen in this study, being in one accord is vital. God is love, and we are of God. Therefore, He intends for us, the body of Christ, to walk in love and to be in one accord. When we do, we can minister to the sick and see notable miracles take place. Then the miracles will lead many to receiving Jesus as Lord.