

Introduction- THIS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT CHURCH COUNCIL EVERY HELD* AND IT HAD WHAT SOMANY LACK NOW

1. We hear a lot about ecumenical councils- willing to deny Christ to have everyone together!
2. The first Council had real "togetherness" and it was without any person denying the faith.
3. If there is to be any "unity" today- it must come from the same source- being of one accord.

I.-THE MEETING - Acts 1:13,14

A. THE MEETING PLACE * THE UPPER ROOM

1. This has taken on a mystical meaning- and men today try to duplicate it- make it fancy
2. This was a room over a house- like we want over our Youth Dept, and C.E. Building- guest room
3. This room was humble, obscure, smallm consecrated- nothing fancy but the Lord was blessing

B. THE MEMBERSHIP* ABOUT 120- (v.15)

1. Note it was made up of men & women- in OT the Woman was not recognized- Gal 3:28
2. The people named & unnamed- no class- they were all disciples & all had same right to pray.
3. Mary was there- the last time she is mentioned was this prayer meeting- no worship of Mary.

C. THE DISPOSITION OF THE PEOPLE (14)- with one accord in prayer and supplication

1. They were in sweet unity- no jealousy, rivalry, apostacy, worldliness, impurity,
2. Today we have a general lack of harmony- everyone telling the other how to do his business.
3. These were of one accord because- 1st . they were obedient- Acts 1:4, 2nd. - they prayed while waiting- and did not just waste the time.

II.- THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING AND THIER ACTION.

A. "THEY CONTINUED IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION" Acts 1:14b

1. They had been commanded to wait- and promised a baptism of the Holy Spirit (not infilling)
2. The only action they took was to elect the 12th Apostle- wrong action. (or reception)
3. They were not told to pray, but did so because they wanted something- & this is way to get it

B. THEY HAD LEARNED TO PRAY WHILE TRAVELING WITH JESUS

1. Even after being with the Lord a long while they said "Teach us to Pray"- Luke 11:1
2. They had seen thier failure becaue of thier lack of prayer- Matt 17:21- "only by prayer 'fast
3. They had seen Jesus pray often, and early- and late-

B. THEY EXERCISED THIER FAITH, REACHED FOR THIER HOPE* AND PRAYED

1. They didn't just talk about it - they prayed. Come Wednesday night and Pray (don't walk around
2. To get a crowd like this to pray today- you would have to found a "Pray-boy club"
3. Every Revival in history has started by just such a group--- P R A Y I N G for it.

III.-THE POWER WEE NEED TODAY WILL ONLY BE FOUND THE SAME WAY* THROUGH PRAYER

We stand on the threshold of paradise on earth- but instead we are reaping hell on earth.

A. WE NEED TO PRAY MORE THAN EVERY BEFORE* BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE PRAYING LESS!

1. 50,000 people a year are butchered on our highways- 75% die rather than pray-(1959 Accident
2. As individuals & and as a nation we face problems & need guidance and Prayers
3. Unless our nation has a revival- we are doomed- to follow the path of Rome into death.

B. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW TO PRAY- My Deacons in my first full time pastorate could not pray

1. Whatever is prayed must be in "Jesus Name" Cf John 14:13- a live telephone line- not form.
2. The Content of Prayer- A. Praise - Heb 13:15-Sacrifice of Praise to God- Of the Psalms.
3. B. Confession- James 4:8,10 Every Known Sin Confessed

C. THE SECRET OF PRAYER!

1. Do It- talk with God.
2. Do it in Secret!
3. Do it in Public
4. Do it early, often, regular, as spirit moves, as best you can plan, as much as you can.

- A. Thanksgiving- Eph.5:20 - Request with Thanksgiving
- D. Petitions- Asking- He will nubere every request- According to His will ? for our good?

concl. WE ARE IN GREATER NEED OF PRAYER TODAY THEN ANY OF US REALIZE.

1. If you have never recieved and confessed Christ- you can't pray in his Name- He does not know you
2. If you Know Jesus and do not speak to His Father- you are very rude-
3. Whatever the problem you might have, the bigginning of a solution is Prayer.