

EXPERIENCING the POWER of “ONE ACCORD”

“...they lifted up their voice to God with one accord...And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.” Acts 4:24, 31-33 (KJV)



This Week’s Thought – May 15, 2016

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.” Revelation 22:14 (NIV)

John describes the last beatitude given by Jesus. Those whose character is cleansed by Christ are qualified to access God’s presence here and in heaven. Blackened garments soiled by sin, but washed in the sanitizing salvation of Jesus’ blood creates a new and beautiful creation, radiant white, purified by the grace of God. With eternal life the tree of life is accessible—with blessings unknown to earthly ‘pilgrims’ still on their journey of faith. The two bookends of the Garden of God in Genesis to the City of God in Revelation are encapsulated for all the redeemed to worship the Alpha and the Omega forever! Character and credibility from Christ gain access to Christ!

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.” (1 Peter 1:22)

Are you hoping and praying maybe for access to an opportunity, person or position? Perhaps the next step is to get quiet before the Lord and ask Him how He wants to deepen your inner dependence on Jesus, so you are able to manage outward success with a humble heart. The relationships you invest in now are most likely the relationships God uses to open doors in the future. Treat all the Lord leads your way as individuals who need your love and concern. Be more motivated to bless than to be blessed, and the blessings you need will come. Access comes to those Christ can trust.

Most importantly, enjoy full access to your heavenly Father. He is intimate with His children who walk in integrity. Your imperfect character has access to the Lord’s perfection. Bring your brokenness and access Christ’s healing. Bring your pride and access God’s humility.

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Bring your weaknesses and access the Spirit’s strength. Ultimately, it’s the character and credibility of Christ that gives you unquestionable access to the throne of God’s grace. Like the air you breathe and the food you eat, seek often communion with Christ—by faith access the riches of His grace.

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:6-7)

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Lord God, my heart bows before You in humble and sincere gratitude for all the many blessings that You have bestowed upon me – for the life that You have given me and the way that You have sustained me and cared for me, all of which I am eternally grateful. Thank You for my family and friends, my community and church and all the wonderful ways that You have led and guided us through both the joyful times and the difficult seasons of life. Thank You most of all for sending Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins – covering us with His own perfect righteousness and raising us up to sit with Him in heavenly places. Help me Lord to be the person You would have me be...This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

“And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King