

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA
AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY PART 2
JULY 9TH, 2017 - GABE PALMER

I. Recap

- A. Authentic means genuine or the undisputed original
- B. We have been born again into a spiritual body. In the same way that God designed our physical body to heal itself, he has given the spiritual body the responsibility of administering healing to itself through confession. (2 Corinthians 12, James 5:16, 1 John 1:5-10)

II. One Heart and One Soul

Acts 4:32-33 *Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.*

- A. There was great power and great grace on all the believers.
- B. They were of one heart and one soul. This means more than they were in all agreement of one thing. This is a direct fulfillment of Ezekiel and Jeremiah's prophecy.

Ezekiel 11:19 *And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.*

Jeremiah 32:38-40 *They shall be my people, and I will be their God; Then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, doing them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from me.*

- C. The original church and the authentic church community today is of one heart because we have been given a new heart born of the Holy Spirit.
- D. Jesus prayed for us today that we would all be of this one heart.

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John 17:20-26 *“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”*

- E. We have been given a glory that binds us together as one with each other and the Holy Trinity.
- F. Jesus prayed for the original church to also be one and in this we can see that the glory that has been given to us is his name.

John 17:10-11 *All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to you. Holy Father, keep through your name those whom you have given me, that they may be one as we are.*

- G. Biblically, a name is more than a label to identify distinction between one thing from another. When the name of God is referenced it is speaking of his essence. It is referencing the characteristics of God.
- H. The glory of God flows from his nature. The glory that we have been given is his nature.

Exodus 33:18 *Moses said, “Please, show me your glory.” Then God said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD (Yahweh) before you.*

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- I. Moses has experienced some of the greatest manifestations of God that has ever been expressed on earth. Burning bush, staff turned into snake and back again, 10 plagues, Red Sea parting, healed waters, bread from heaven, water from a rock, supernatural earthquakes, fire, smoke, sounds of trumpets, and God's audible voice. Why did he ask to see God's glory after all of this?
- J. Why did God say that He will proclaim His name to Moses when Moses asked to see His glory?
- K. A name describes the character of that which it belongs too. The children of Israel were content in seeing God's acts, Moses wanted to know His ways. (Psalms 103:7)

Exodus 34:5-8 *Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and children's children to the third and the fourth generation." So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped.*

Matthew 18:20 *For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*

- L. Gathering together in the name of Christ is the glory that we have been given

III. Taking God's name in vain

Exodus 20:7 *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."*

- A. The Hebrew word translated as "take" is Nasah (naw-saw') which means to lift, carry, take.
- B. "Vain" means emptiness, worthless, deceitfully

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- C. Taking the name of Yahweh can be likened to when a bride takes the name of her husband.
- D. As the bridegroom gives the bride his name, so Christ gives his bride his name. The two become one.
- E. We take the name of Christ in vain when we don't take on his nature
- F. When a bride takes the name of the groom, she is saying she will remain faithful to love and serve her bridegroom until death. If she is unfaithful and gives her affections to another and does not honor the covenant made between them, then she would be taking his name in vain.
- G. The character of God is the glory that binds us together as one. The many becoming one. Let us not bear the name in vain. But let the nature of Christ bind our hearts together as one