# "GREAT POWER & GREAT GRACE"

## ACTS 4:32-35

1. **THIS EARLY FIRST CENTURY CHURCH ENJOYED AN UNUSUAL UNITY (4:32)**
   1. The Things They Shared In *Common* Were More Than Just Creedal
      1. They Were One Body With One Great Passion
      2. The Acid Test Of This Single Passion Would Manifest Itself In How They Felt About Their Possessions
   2. There Was An Internal Renunciation Of Personal Possession That Went On In The Hearts Of These People
2. **THIS EARLY FIRST CENTURY CHURCH EXPERIENCED GREATNESS IN TWO AREAS (4:33-35)**
   1. The Apostles Had Been Enabled To Bear Witness With The Very *Power* That Had Been Promised In Acts 1:8 (4:33a)
      1. The Unity Within This Church Only Served To Enhance The Obvious Power With Which The Apostles Spoke
      2. The Unity Within This Church Served To Free The Apostles To Speak The Things Of God Due To A Concentrated Focus Of Energy
   2. The Entire Church Had Been The Beneficiaries Of Great Grace (4:33b-35)
      1. Some Within The Church Had Been Private Property Owners
      2. Out Of The Capital Of Private Sources There Had Been Voluntary Giving
      3. In Lieu Of One Dramatic Giving Event, The Offering of Material Goods Was Occasional
      4. Distribution Was Made By The Leadership In Accordance With Genuine Need, Particularly To Unemployed Foreigners
      5. All Of It Was Conducted In Evidence Of The Grace Of God