

ACTS—The Word of God Continues to Spread & Flourish:

When Grace Grips A Spirit-Filled Church (4:32-37)

Acts 4:32-37

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:32-37

³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

John Calvin

We must have hearts harder than iron if we are not moved by the reading of this narrative.

Acts 4:32a

³² All the believers were one in **heart** and **mind**.

Acts 4:31

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and spoke the word of God boldly.

John Stott

The Holy Spirit is the great unifier of the people of God.

Philippians 2:2

² then make my joy complete by **being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.**

Acts 4:32a

³² All the believers were **one in heart and mind**.

Deuteronomy 6:5

⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your strength.

Acts 4:33a

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Acts 4:33b

^{33b} ... And God's grace was so **powerfully at work in them all**

Acts 4:32b

^{32b} ... **No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own**, but they shared everything they had.

Acts 4:34b-35

^{34b} ... **For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them**, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and **put it at the apostles' feet**, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:35

³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed **to anyone who had need.**

Deuteronomy 15:4a

^{4a} However, there need be no poor people among you, ...

Acts 4:34a

^{34a} that **there were no needy persons among them.**

Francis Schaeffer

The world has the right to judge whether or not we are Christians by our observable love.

Acts 4:36-37

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Acts 4:37

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John Henry Jowett

The real measure of our wealth is how much we'd
be worth if we lost all our money.

Tim Keller

You will always give money effortlessly to that
which is your god.