

The Church

The 1st Century Church

our example to follow

What did they believe and
do?

Acts 4:5-31

1st Century Believers

What was the secret of
their success?

**What would you say
is the greatest need
in the church today?**

A Greater Commitment to Prayer

**They prayed with
one accord**

Acts 4:24

Acts 4:7-13, 14

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:17

But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.

What can we learn from these Christians about prayer?

1. They were united in prayer

Acts 4:24

2. Their prayer was based on the

Word of God. Acts 4:24-26;

Psalms 2:1-2

John 15:7

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

1John 5:14-15 ¹⁴Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

3. They did not pray to have their circumstances changed or the Sanhedrin council destroyed.

Acts 4:28

1John 5:4-5 ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Next: They prayed with
confidence to their
sovereign God –
The Godhead
Acts 4:25-28

Acts 4:24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them

John 1:2-3 ₂He was in the beginning with God. ₃All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Acts 4:25

“Who through the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of your father, your servant David have said:”

Acts 4:27 For truly against
Your holy Servant Jesus,
whom You anointed, both
Herod and Pontius Pilate, with
the Gentiles and the people of
Israel, were gathered together

Last: They prayed for
great boldness to
speak the Word of God
Acts 4:29-31

Acts 4:29-30 ²⁹Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.

Mark 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.