

Greetings in the glorious name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I invite you to reflect on these life-giving words.

Today, I want to share a powerful truth from the Bible that, if embraced, can bring great transformation to our world. Many assume that people today are more intelligent than those who lived long ago. However, Scripture and history reveal that ancient peoples accomplished remarkable feats—such as the pyramids of Egypt (one of the ancient wonders)—that modern technology still cannot replicate. This shows that God's providence and human unity can produce extraordinary outcomes.

The Tower of Babel: Unity and Pride

In Genesis 11:1-9 , we read the story of Babylon and the Tower of Babel. The people spoke one language and decided to build a city and a tower “with its top in the heavens” to make a name for themselves (Gen 11:4). Their goal was self-glorification and unity under their own terms.

This reflects **human pride and rebellion against God** (cf. Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction...”). Their unity was powerful but misdirected because it sought to exalt human achievement instead of honoring God.

God's response was to **confuse their language and scatter them** (Gen 11:7-8), breaking their unity. This act demonstrated that true power lies not just in unity but in unity aligned with God's purposes. The "voice" or "speech" in the passage symbolizes **shared intention and covenant**. Their failure was not in their unity, but in their self-centered aim.

One Voice Restored in the Church

Fast forward to the New Testament Pentecost event in Acts 2:1-12, where the Holy Spirit reverses Babel's confusion. Believers, once divided by language, are now filled with the Spirit and speak in tongues understood by all nations. This signifies God's redemptive plan to unite diverse peoples into **one body in Christ** (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

This restoration of "one voice" or unity is the foundation for the explosive growth of the early Church. Their unity was spiritual and mission-focused, centered on **glorifying God rather than self**.

Church Unity and Humility

Today, the Church often suffers division because we pursue personal agendas rather than God's glory. Jesus' call in Luke 14:27-29 reminds

us to count the cost of discipleship—to **carry our cross and follow Him fully**. Without humble obedience and unified purpose, the Church cannot manifest the fullness of God's glory.

The Church is not a social club or organization but the **manifestation of God's kingdom on earth** (Ephesians 2:19-22). As members of Christ's body, we must commit personally to unity through obedience and love.

May the Lord help us live in this unity and build His tower of glory on earth.

Shalom.

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