

# Living in Awe: The Atmosphere of a Mystical Community

Acts 2:42d–45

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## INTRO.

I want to make this point right off the bat ... Why am I using the phrase Mystical Community? ... It's not to be edgy or nuanced ... It's to form a new image – a clearer vision – of what a true spiritual church community looks like ... Because the reality is this: today's church – by and large – does not look like – nor function like this early church ... What I want to do is lay a proper foundation for us ... A foundation with the purpose of becoming a true, biblical community ... Now – whether that kind of community actually takes shape – will depend upon the heart and participation of each individual within the community.

So let me remind you of the key foundational principles we've already discovered ... The first – and most critical – is this:

### **The Principle of Separation**

Let me try to frame this concept in a way I haven't before ... Before you can truly understand the issue of separation – you must be awakened to a few inner, deeper, revelational truths:

**First** – You are not – who this realm has programmed you to believe – you are ... You must awaken to the truth that you are one with Christ – not Jesus the man – but Christ the Spirit.

**Second** – You are – what you believe – to be true ... “As a man thinks, so is he.” ... What you set your inner gaze upon; you begin to embody.

**Third** – What you speak releases a frequency into this realm ... A frequency that begins to shape your reality and attract what you declare.

This is just scratching the surface ... But if you don't grasp these basic principles – you'll never truly understand the need – or the power – of separating from this natural realm ... Because

separation doesn't start outwardly ... It begins on the inside – when you receive and anchor yourself in these revelational truths.

I will not reiterate the other foundational principles we've covered in previous messages. If you need to revisit them, please go to our YouTube or Rumble channel. The sermons are available there, along with the full notes I preach from – you'll find them on our website: [dcc-nh.org](http://dcc-nh.org).

## **TRANS.**

So, this week – I want to continue exploring our foundational text, as we pursue a deeper understanding of what this early church community actually looked like ... We're not just studying history – we're seeking a blueprint for spiritual formation ... So, let's pick it back up at the end of verse 42, and continue through verse 45.

### **The Believers Form a Community**

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), - - - - and to prayer. ... 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, - and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ... 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ... 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

### **Holy Awe: The Soul's Response to the Presence (v. 43a)**

**“A deep sense of awe came over them all,”**

What was it – that created this “deep sense” of awe? ... Or – as some translations say – “a deep sense of fear came upon them” ... [Let me share with you two divine reasons for this awe:](#)

**First** – Holy fear and awe are the soul's instinctive response – when it truly awakens and perceives the holiness of God ... This is what Isaiah experienced in Isaiah 6:5 when he cried out: “Woe is me, for I am undone!” ... When the soul fully understands who it is – in light of

Who God is – there is a natural trembling – a reverent collapse of ego in the face of glory ... This is what we often call a “healthy fear” of the Divine – not terror, but sacred recognition.

**Second** – This awe arises when a person realizes their oneness with Christ ... Not Jesus the historical person alone – but Christ the Spirit – now living within ... When you grasp the revelation: “I am in You - - You are in Me - - and we are one” - - when you understand that you are now the visible manifestation of Christ on the earth, - - just as Jesus declared Himself the visible manifestation of the Father - - that awareness will shake you ... It humbles the soul and lifts it into mystery at the same time.

### **John 14:8-10 New Living Translation**

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ... 9 Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? ... Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! ... So why are you asking me to show him to you? ... 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? ... The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

### **Thoughts**

Many have preached that this fear and awe was a result of the signs and wonders done by the apostles - - Nope ... Some say it was fear of punishment for sinful behavior ... Again – nope ... This awe is not fear of judgment – it’s the soul awakening to the Holy ... It is the moment when the human spirit stands before the Divine and remembers Who God is – and in that same moment – remembers who it really is ... It is the awe of transcendence – where you finally grasp the revelation that you are in Christ, and Christ is in you - - Oneness

### **Signs and Wonders: The Overflow of Divine Alignment (v. 43b)**

**“And the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders”**

As I said earlier – signs and wonders were not the cause of the community’s awe and holy fear ... Rather, signs and wonders were the manifestation of a mystical community that was in full

alignment – aligned with the Spirit – and aligned with one another ... There is divine power in oneness – oneness with Christ – and oneness with each other ... This early community wasn't just gathering out of obligation ... They were doing life together – and in that unity – in that sacred vibration of collective agreement – miraculous signs and wonders became inevitable ... Because where unity is resonating – the spirit realm is energized – and the Spirit puts on an amazing display of power.

### **Radical Unity: The Fruit of Mystical Oneness (v. 44)**

**“And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had”**

This was far more than community – this was communion and covenant ... This wasn't just about sharing things – it was about sharing identity – sharing their oneness in Christ ... Their unity wasn't forced ... It was the natural result of people who had truly seen Christ in one another ... They weren't just together in a location – they were together in the presence of Christ.

### **Thoughts**

Here's the problem: Because the mystical principle of oneness is rarely taught or preached from a divine perspective – we don't understand what true communion and covenant actually mean ... Individually – we are one with Christ ... Collectively – we are one with each other – as in we make up the body of Christ ... But because these truths are not awakened in most believers – we can't truly grasp the depth of what it means to be a spiritual community – in communion and covenant ... Let me make it super simple by showing you how deeply we misunderstand this concept:

### **Mark 10:1-12 The Message**

From there He went to the area of Judea across the Jordan. ... A crowd of people, as was so often the case, went along, and He, as He so often did, taught them. ... Pharisees came up, intending to give Him a hard time. ... They asked, “Is it legal for a man to divorce his wife?” ... 3 Jesus said, “What did Moses command?” ... 4 They answered, “Moses gave permission to fill

out a certificate of dismissal and divorce her.” ... 5-9 Jesus said, “Moses wrote this command only as a concession to your hardhearted ways. ... In the original creation, - God made male and female to be together. ... Because of this, a man leaves father and mother, and in marriage he becomes one flesh with a woman—no longer two individuals, - but forming a new unity. ... Because God created this organic union of the two sexes, - no one should desecrate His art by cutting them apart.” ... 10-12 When they were back home, the disciples brought it up again. Jesus gave it to them straight: “A man who divorces his wife so he can marry someone else commits adultery against her. ... And a woman who divorces her husband so she can marry someone else commits adultery.”

Division is always the result – when the soul is unconscious to the mystical principles of oneness, communion, and covenant ... That division plays out in human relationships ... It plays out in church communities ... It is one of the devil’s most powerful tools – and it thrives in hearts that have not awakened to divine union – and oneness.

### **Compassion in Action: Love Made Visible (v. 45)**

**“They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.”**

The natural outflow of oneness, communion, and covenant is compassion ... And the compassion we see here was not forced ... This wasn’t socialism – and it wasn’t driven by religious obligation or duty ... This kind of giving was the organic overflow of love ... It flowed naturally from hearts that had been filled with God ... This is what a true Pentecostal experience looks like ... When you are genuinely filled with the Holy Spirit – when God becomes your all in all – when oneness, communion, and covenant become your reality ... Then generosity flows freely and joyfully ... It flows without hesitation – because love doesn’t withhold.

### **Prayer: The Principle that Births the Supernatural (v. 42d)**

I want to drop three deep, mystical nuggets here as a foundational introduction to what will become a deeper teaching on prayer in a couple of weeks – when we deal with the text in Acts 4 ... But before I give you those nuggets, you need to do something first ... **Forget everything you’ve ever learned about prayer** ... Let’s be honest – what you know – and what you practice – doesn’t work all that well anyway ... At least not if we’re talking about transformative, supernatural, Spirit-born prayer ... Also understand this: These principles flow directly from the foundation of oneness with Christ ... If you don’t fully understand that concept – stay there until you do ... Don’t move past it too quickly ... Because until your soul awakens to union with Him – your prayer life will always feel like reaching and striving instead of releasing and decreeing.

### **Nugget 1 - - Prayer Is all about Proper Alignment**

Prayer is not about trying to attract God’s attention – like you might have tried with your earthly parents ... Prayer is about turning your attention toward Him ... It’s about tuning in to the frequency of His presence – because He’s already there – inside of you ... This is why a deep, revelational understanding of oneness is absolutely essential ... You are not separated from God ... He is not far away ... You don’t have to strive, plead, beg or perform to get His attention ... And He is not holding out on you – waiting for some mysterious “right time” to meet your need ... You are in Him ... He is in you ... You are One ... The early ekklesia understood this principle ... And because of it, they stayed in constant rhythm and harmony with the Spirit of God ... Prayer, for them, wasn’t about reaching upward – it was flowing with the Spirit within.

### **Nugget 2 - - Prayer involves Invoking the Sacred Name of “I Am”**

The name “I Am” speaks of your divine identity ... You are united with the I Am ... Using the name “I Am” in prayer isn’t arrogance – it’s an affirmation of your oneness with God ... But here’s the issue: Our humanity – and our religious indoctrination – have embedded deep within us – a sense of false humility ... We’ve been told things like: “Don’t ever dare to compare yourself with God.” ... “You’re just a sinner saved by grace.” ... “Don’t think more highly of yourself than you ought.”

**Psalm 82:6 New Living Translation**

I say, ‘You are gods; you are all children of the Most High.

### John 10:33-36 New Living Translation

They replied, “We’re stoning you not for any good work, **but for blasphemy!** You, a mere man, claim to be God.” ... 34 Jesus replied, “It is written in your own Scriptures that God said to certain leaders of the people, ‘I say, you are gods!’ ... 35 And you know that the Scriptures cannot be altered. ... So, if those people who received God’s message were called ‘gods,’ ... 36 why do you call it blasphemy when I say, ‘**I Am** - the Son of God’? ... After all, the Father set me apart and sent me into the world.

To invoke the name “I Am” in prayer is to speak from union – not ego nor pride ... It is to pray from your true position – as one seated in Christ – partaking in divine nature.

### Nugget 3 - - Proper Focus

Stop focusing on the situation – problem – or need - - Focus of God ... Stop focusing on the “natural situation” - - Redirect your focus upon the supernatural solution

### Thoughts

Let me give you a practical exercise you can do when you go into prayer:

**1. Alignment** – Connect yourself with the indwelling Spirit ... Say: “I am in you – You are in me – We are one” ... Say it slowly ... Feel it deeply ... Repeat it until you sense that divine connection.

**2. Identify** – Remember who you are ... You are a son of God ... You are part of the family of Creator God ... You are connected to the divine nature of God Almighty – by oneness with His Spirit ... You carry the sacred name of “I Am” ... It’s not just God’s name – it’s the place from which you pray.

**3. Focus** – Now that you’re aligned ... Now that you’ve re-centered in your identity... Declare the solution – not the problem ... If the issue is sickness: declare “I Am well.” ... If the issue is

finances: declare “I Am prosperous.” ... If the issue is confusion or lack of direction: declare “I Am clarity, and the Spirit guides me into all truth.” ... You are not begging ... You are releasing the truth of the Spirit – which will create a new reality.

### **Final Thought**

Once you’ve prayed ... Never speak against what you declared in prayer ... Don’t undo your alignment by going back to fear, lack, or complaint ... Guard your heart ... Guard your mouth

### **Proverbs 4:23 Contemporary English Version**

Carefully guard your thoughts - - because they are the source of true life.

### **Proverbs 18:21 The Message**

Words kill; words give life; they’re either poison or fruit – you choose.

## **CONCLUSION**

Today we discovered a key foundational truth concerning this mystical community ... They didn’t follow a dead religious ideology ... They created a living spiritual atmosphere ... There was an atmosphere of awe ... An atmosphere of miracles ... An atmosphere of unity, compassion, and love ... And at the center of it all – was prayer ... Not mechanical, not religious, but deeply mystical prayer ... Where the soul was fully awakened to its true identity in Christ ... This early ekklesia didn’t strive to become powerful ... They simply aligned with the Spirit ... They didn’t chase miracles ... They became the dwelling place of the miraculous ... They didn’t just build community ... They became communion through covenant ... And catch this – the same Spirit that filled them – fills us today.

So – let me ask you - - What atmosphere are you cultivating? ... What do your prayers sound like—striving and begging or alignment with declaration? ... What does your daily life reflect – separation or oneness? ... The mystical church isn’t some lost relic of Acts 2 ... It is our blueprint – and foundational design – to create a present-day kingdom movement.



## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Father – today we are in awe – not just of what You do – but of Who You are – and of the mystery that You dwell within us ... Thank You for revealing to us the blueprint of a true spiritual community – a place of awe, of miracles, of unity, of compassion – and above all, of deep communion with You ... Awaken us, Spirit of the Living God ... Awaken our souls to the truth of our oneness with Christ ... Let every prayer we offer come not from striving, but from alignment ... Not from distance, but from divine union ... Teach us to speak from the place of “I Am” - - To declare healing, abundance, and clarity with the authority You’ve placed within us ... Help us create an atmosphere – in our homes, our gatherings, and within our own hearts – that mirrors this early ekklesia ... May we never settle for religion – when You’ve invited us into revelation ... And now, Lord – let this word take root ... Let it bear fruit ... And let us walk in the fullness of Your divine nature – as sons and daughters – as one body – as a living, breathing sanctuary of Your Spirit ... I thank you that it is declared – and it is done ... In the name of the Great I Am ... Amen.