Berean Christian Church

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Text
Acts 4:18-23

Title
"Membership Has It's Privileges"

Breakdown of Acts Chapter 4

1. The **Problem**	for the Believers	Verses 1-22
2. The **Prayer**	by Believers	Verses 23-31
3. The **Priorities**	from the Believers	Verses 32-37

1. **Community** is a privilege of being a member of a local church.
   Verses 23-24
   "On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24) When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them."

   (NIV)

2. **Unity** is a privilege of being a member of a local church.
   Verse 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."

   (NIV)

3. **Generosity** is a privilege of being a member of a local church.
   Verses 34-37
   "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. 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."

   (NIV)

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