



WHAT KIND OF CHURCH IS THIS?

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Part 4

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The Book of Joel 2:28-32, “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. ³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem

there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.” May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of God’s Words today, in Jesus Name! Amen.

Church Family, we are and will continue to be known as a Church that Embraces the Spirit-Filled Community! We will be known as a Church made up of people who place an emphasis on the Holy Ghost being present and active in our daily lives, expressive of His Gifts in our gatherings and living a life that abounds unto godliness!

Simply put, we are a Spirit Filled community of believers who fully and unequivocally love Jesus! This is who we are! We are authentically Pentecostal in our lives, our expressions of Faith, and our demonstration of the Gifts of the Holy Ghost in public and private lives!

We believe in being filled with the Holy Ghost because it is impossible to do Kingdom Work without having the Spirit of the Kingdom! We walk in the Power of the Holy Ghost because we understand that apart from the Holy Ghost, we can do nothing. We place our daily dependency upon Him to help us and to be our comforter, our guide, and our empowerment.

What does it mean to live the Spirit Filled Life? What does it mean to develop in allowing His leading to be present in our daily lives? The Holy Ghost is more than Gifts and Fruit; He is the One promised from the Father to be sent to us after Jesus' ascension into Heaven after His resurrection from the Dead! So what Kind of Church is this?

1. We are the Kind of Church that believes The Holy Ghost Birthed the Church!

- a. The Book of Acts 2:1-4, "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."
- b. Church family, today is our birthday! Today is the day that God divinely noted on His calendar of things to come to pass! Today, some two thousand years ago, the Church was birthed with 120 people in an upper room seeking the Promise of the Father just as Jesus had commanded them!

- c. The simple fact that it was a rushing mighty wind denotes the desire of the Father to see His people filled with His Spirit! The Holy Spirit is the Promise of the Father and our Father would never break His Promise! Friends, we need the Holy Ghost!
- d. The Holy Ghost is what birthed the Church at its Genesis and it is what the Church needs now more than ever! I am all for strategies, plans, systems, and logistical operations but if we don't have the Holy Ghost, the Church is a Mausoleum! A place to come and observe dead things! But when you find a Holy Ghost Church!
- e. You find a Church that is alive with the Power of God and it's not a Mausoleum! It's not a Cemetery! It's a Church burning white hot that is emptying the bondages of sin and not leaving a broken humanity to its devices. We need the Holy Ghost!
- f. Remember, we are the Kind of Church that believes that The Holy Ghost Birthed the Church and it's going to require the Holy Ghost to sustain it! Point #2

2. We are the Kind of Church that believes that The Holy Ghost Unified the Church!

- a. Paul's Letter first Letter to the Corinthians; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, **"¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all**

the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”

- b. Friends, we are called to be One Body! Shout One! One Body! One body with many members, many functions but only one body! We are not expected by Christ all be the Same but He is expecting us to embrace that are we called to be His Body! One Body, One Spirit, One Holy Calling!
- c. The Book of Jude 1:17-21, ¹⁷ “But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” ¹⁹ It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”
- d. Our Unity, our connection, our partnership is not birthed by our preferences, our feelings or our perspectives. Our unity is birthed in and through the Holy Ghost!

- e. Remember, we are the Kind of Church that believes that The Holy Ghost Unified the Church and it's going to require the Holy Ghost to Sustain the Unity of the Church! Point #3

3. We are the Kind of Church that believes that The Holy Ghost Empowered the Church!

- a. The Book of Acts 1:6-8, “⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- b. Church, the Holy Ghost was not given to us in so that we might showboat spiritual gifts! The Holy Ghost was given to us to empower us with the Power of Heaven to be a Witness for Christ!
- c. A witness in our community! A witness on the job! A witness to the Lost! And a witness to the Redeemed! A witness with power and authority!

- d. We were filled with the Holy Spirit to be empowered to be a witness for Christ in the Earth! Our community, our city, our state, our nation and our world is in desperate need of more Churches that are overflowing with the Power and the Presence of the Holy Spirit! Lord, grant it that we be one of those churches!
- e. Remember, we are the Kind of Church that believes that The Holy Ghost Empowered the Church and it's that Power that enables us to be an affective witness for Christ! Point #4

4. We are the Kind of Church that believes that The Holy Ghost is still Moving in the Church!

- a. The Book of Acts 2:37-41, ³⁷“Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were

baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”

- b. We are those who were referred to here in this text! We are those who are a far off, we are the ones whom the Lord our God calls unto Himself! We are the manifestation of that passage of Text! What Peter prophetically declared is our reality because we are whom he was prophetically speaking of!
- c. Church, the existence of our church in this day and hour is a prophetic manifestation that spans two millennia of time! Think about that! We are who the Apostle Peter was referring to!
- d. Remember, we are the Kind of Church that believes that The Holy Ghost is still Moving in the Church and it's the Moving of the Spirit that will keep the Church progressing forward! Point #5

5. We are the Kind of Church that believes that The Holy Ghost is getting us ready to go Home!

- a. The Gospel of Saint John 14:25-29, “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do

I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe."

- b. Church, we need the Holy Ghost present in our lives and in our services. We need the Holy Ghost in our homes, in our marriages, and in our relationships. The Holy Ghost is our helper, He is our empowerment, He is the source of our Peace and the Promise of the Father! Friends, you need the Holy Ghost in your lives today! The Promise of the Father can become your Power Source today if you would let Him! He empowers us to be a witness and equips us to live for Christ until He calls us Home to Glory!
- c. Remember, we are the Kind of Church that believes that The Holy Ghost is getting us ready to go Home and the Holy Ghost will sustain us until Christ returns for His Church!