

Developing a Culture of the Supernatural Kingdom

So far we've looked at a "Developing a Culture of Spirit-filled Self-Sacrifice," and a "Culture of the Kingdom." Today I want to expand the Culture of the Kingdom by "**Developing a Culture of the Supernatural Kingdom.**" Again, Webster's Dictionary defines "culture" as, "The set of **shared attitudes, values, goals and practices** that characterizes an institution or organization." Let's go to the Word of God to establish those shared attitudes, values, goals and practices here at King'sGate.

The Tangible Nature of Jesus' Resurrected Body

First and foremost, it's important to emphasize that the church or Ekklesia, which is Greek for "called out ones", was birthed in the Supernatural. In **Luke 24:40-49 TPT** Jesus instructs His disciples on what had taken place and why, "*He showed them His pierced hands and feet and let them touch His wounds. 41. The disciples were ecstatic yet dumbfounded, unable to fully comprehend it. Knowing that they were still wondering if He was real, Jesus said, "Here, let Me show you. Give Me some-thing to eat." 42-43. They handed Him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. And they watched Him eat it. 44. Then He said to them, "Don't you remember the words that I spoke to you when I was still with you? I told you that everything written about Me would be fulfilled, including all the prophecies from the law of Moses through the Psalms and the writings of the prophets – that they would all find their fulfillment. 45. He supernaturally unlocked their understanding to receive the revelation of the Scriptures, then said to them, "Everything that has happened fulfills what was prophesied of Me. Christ the Messiah, was destined to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. 47. Now you must go into all the nations and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins so that they will turn to Me. Start right here in Jerusalem. 48. For you are*

*My witnesses and have seen for yourselves all that has transpired. 49. And I will send the fulfillment of the Father's **promise*** to you. So stay here in the city until the mighty power of heaven falls upon you and wraps around you." *TPT note: "The Aramaic reads "the kingdom" or "rule." The Father's promise would be the coming of the Holy Spirit to live in them and empower them.*

Acts 2:1-12 TPT In obedience to our Lord's command, the disciples were in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. They were not there just physically, but they were there with the right attitude. Attitude determines your altitude. It's so important to have a positive one. You choose the attitude that you have. Your outlook on life is determined by your attitude, and your positive attitude in your current situation helps you to see your future circumstances in a positive light. When you change how you feel, then you change how you act. The disciples are a great example of this. Instead of being at each other's throats after Jesus' death, some had seen Him & told the others, so that there were 120 who assembled:

V. 1 NKJV *"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all **with one accord** in one place."* **SFLB WW** **"With one accord,** Gk. *homothumadon*; [It means] being unanimous, having mutual consent, being in agreement, having group unity, having one mind & purpose. The disciples had an intellectual unanimity, an emotional rapport, & volitional agreement [of choice] in the newly founded church. In each of its occurrences, *homothumadon* shows a harmony leading to action." This harmony led them to obey the Lord's words in **Luke 24:49 TPT**, *"So stay here in the city until **the mighty power of heaven** falls upon you and wraps around you."* Jesus body, the Body of Christ, was born in the supernatural, and is meant to grow, prosper and flourish in the supernatural! Just imagine that

you were in that Upper room when the fulfillment of the Feast of Pentecost came:

Acts 2:2- 3 TPT *“Suddenly they heard the sound of a violent blast of wind rushing into the house from out of the heavenly realm. The roar of the wind was so overpowering it was all anyone could bear (NKJV “...and it **filled** the whole house where they were sitting.”)! 3. Then all at once **a pillar of fire** appeared before their eyes. It separated into tongues of fire that engulfed each one of them.”* **TPT note:** “This was **the pillar of fire** that led Israel from bondage into the promised land. The same pillar of fire manifested here to initiate a new beginning from dead religious structures into the powerful life of the Spirit. Each believer received an overpowering flame of fire, signified by the shaft of light that engulfed them. It was as though each one received his own personal pillar of fire that would empower him and lead him throughout his life. This was the promise Jesus gave to His disciples of “*the One like Me*” (**John 14:26 TPT** *“But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like Me who sets you free, He will teach you all things in my Name. And He will inspire you to remember every word that I’ve told you.”*). [He] would be sent by the Father and never leave them. Today every believer is indwelt by the Spirit of Christ (**Rom. 8:9 TPT** *“But when the Spirit of Christ empowers your life, you are not dominated by the flesh but by the Spirit. And if you are not joined to the Spirit of the Anointed One, you are not of Him.”*). This was the **birthday** of the church of Jesus Christ.” **Born in the Supernatural and meant to be growing in the supernatural!**

Acts 2:4 TPT *“They were all **filled & equipped*** with the Holy Spirit and were inspired to speak in tongues – empowered by the Spirit to speak in languages they had never learned!”* ***TPT note:** “There are two Greek words used here for “filled.” In v. 2, it is *pleroo*, which means “filled inwardly.” In v. 4 it is *pletho*, which means “filled outwardly” or “furnished and equipped.” This was

the anointing of the Spirit for ministry. Every believer needs the filling of the Spirit both inwardly for life & outwardly for ministry.”

We have the Spirit of Resurrection Life & Power!

Rom. 8:10-11 TPT “*Now Christ lives His life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, His life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God. 11. Yes, God raised Jesus to life! And since God’s Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, He will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you!*” **TPT note:** “This is an unusual Greek clause that can be translated “If anyone is not joined to the Spirit of Christ, he cannot be him-self.” A similar construction is used in **Luke 15:17:** “*The prodigal son came to himself.*”” So you’ll truly come to your real self **if** you do what **James 4:7-8a** says, “*Submit to God, resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. 8a. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*” **TPT:** “*So then, surrender to God. Stand up to the devil and resist him and he will turn and run away from you. 8a. Move your heart closer and closer to God and He will come even closer to you.*”

Apostle Paul’s Spirit-dependent Approach to the Corinthians

1 Cor. 2:1-5 TPT “*My brothers and sisters, when I first came to proclaim to you the secrets of God, I refused to come as an expert, trying to impress you with my eloquent speech and lofty wisdom. 2. For while I was with you, I was determined to be consumed with one topic – Jesus, the crucified Messiah. 3. I stood before you feeling inadequate, filled with reverence for God, and trembling under the sense of the importance of my words. 4. The message I preached and how I preached it was not an attempt to sway you with persuasive arguments but to prove to you the almighty power of God’s Holy Spirit. 5. For God intended that your faith not be established on man’s wisdom but by trusting in His almighty power.*”

May we also walk in the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit toward others. Try to imagine what could happen!

As **Mark 16:20 TPT** says, *“After saying these things, Jesus was lifted up into heaven and sat down at the place of honor at the right hand of God! 20. And the apostles went out announcing the good news everywhere, as the Lord Himself consistently worked with them, validating the message they preached with miracle-signs that accompanied them.”*