

## Fuel for the Church

For anything in a church to amount to an everlasting result, God is the source.

I can't save souls, I can't call one to the ministry, develop a Spirit-led church, or make supernatural changes. **(But we would all agree that these things must happen, right?)**

A true church can only be built and ran by God.

**We as a church are a family, and we are a body developed/developing by God.** (This necessitates two things then. 1.) People obeying God when they are led to a church, and 2.) The Holy Spirit working in Spirit filled church members!

**Francis Chan-** "He (Holy Spirit) desires more than to" *help out* "a bit. He wants to completely transform us."

This means that churches are necessary and a place in which God does a work in, and not outside of! (Sorry "Lone Ranger" Christians)

John 16:7–11 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

John 16:12–15 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> 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."

1. Church unity because of the Holy Spirit- (The **idols never worked with the people when they were lost**, the **demons just used them as an excuse to destroy.**)

**1 Corinthians 12:1–3** (ESV)

**12** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

a.) When God speaks, He leads us to truth. (Unity is where God leads, not compromise)

- b.) **Do you really think that God leads us?** (Yes, when we are spiritually alive, and we are willing to obey truth, as the Holy Spirit leads us to the Word.)
- c.) The Holy Spirit leads under control, while the demons to disarray.
- d.) There is no testimony like the one that of one that is developed by God Himself! (Unity, not weird little games and actions.)
- e.) Jesus is only the Lord of the Spirit regenerated person. (They put their trust in the salvation of Jesus Christ.) Faith is what God makes possible.

1 Corinthians 12:4–6 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

- God is triune. He is One. – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit have one directive.
- The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to take a church in one direction, and that is God's direction. Thus unity!

John 17:20–21 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

2. Gifts for a church from the Holy Spirit- (Not talents, not for a show, not for where you work, but for a church.) **They certainly can't be performed at different locations and achieve the purpose for a particular body!**

1 Corinthians 12:7–11 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

- a.) Verse 7 for **the good of the church**, and in 11 **given by the Holy Spirit**.
  - b.) They help us serve one another, towards a unified message and purpose. (Many different ways to lead us in a unified effort.)
  - c.) Yes, this means each of us are so essential for a church.
3. The Holy Spirit and our salvation- (gives faith, convicts, regenerates, resides and guides!)
    - a.) Baptized? (Yes! Immersed into the Holy Spirit) Made alive on the inside and lives in our soul completely immersed.
    - b.) We must really pay attention to the word baptize and it's meaning. In all cases.
    - c.) Strictly a work of God, while the baptism in water is an immersed demonstration outwardly/physically to demonstrate to the world that something occurred that God did! (Make sense?)

d.) We are baptized into the Holy Spirit and then we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Meaning we give control to the Spirit for our lives as He guides us to truth.) It is an ongoing submission.

e.) If we have been made alive in the Spirit, then we should walk in the Spirit! (Gal. 5:25)

How is this demonstrated? (Not by tongues and shenanigans.) **Witnessing power, joy, obedience to the Word, godliness.**

- **A working out of what is on the inside.**

Philippians 2:12–13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

- It is the same process for salvation for every person. (Our gifting happens the same way too!)
- The cool thing is that they are different gifts, given the same way, leading to a unified purpose!
- **There is no Christian without the Holy Spirit, and a church has no power without the Christians being Holy Spirit empowered.**