

THE SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH

Gospel Shaped Living: How To Be The Church In The World

Text: Galatians 5:16-26

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We Are The Church

The Church is an assembly of Christ followers
who worship God by making disciples.

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What does it mean to be a Spirit-filled church?

- *Lively music?*
- *Powerful, authoritative preaching?*
- *Holy Spirit manifestations?*

The Church Is The Community Of The Holy Spirit

John the Baptist predicted a new Holy Spirit baptized community was coming soon. – Luke 3:16/Acts 2:1-4

Jesus promised a new Holy Spirit baptized community was coming soon. – John 14:15-17, 16:7-15

The early believers waited patiently for a new Holy Spirit baptized community to come. – Acts 1:4-5

On the day of Pentecost, this promised one who empowers, comforter, the one who brings conviction, the guide and teacher came and filled these Christ followers and called together The Church –
The Community of the Holy Spirit.

All true believers are baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, The Church. – I Corinthians 12:13, Romans 8:9-11

Wherever the Good News of Jesus was shared, the Holy Spirit empowered the words and the witnesses. – Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit marks members of The Church, sealing their status and insuring their inheritance. – Ephesians 1:13-14

Do You Know The Difference?

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the onetime work of God that places the Holy Spirit inside us, and places us into the Body of Christ.
I Corinthians 6:19, 12:13

The Filling Of The Holy Spirit is allowing The Holy Spirit to control our lives, our attitudes, and our actions.
Ephesians 5:18-21

The way we are filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with God's Word and allow it to direct our lives. – Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:18-20

To Be Filled With The Word = To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit	
<i>Colossians 3:16 (ESV) “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”</i>	<i>Ephesians 5:18–20 (ESV) “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always”</i>

What does a Spirit-filled church look like? – Galatians 5:16-26

A Spirit-filled Church cannot follow sinful desires because it is guided by the Holy Spirit. V. 16

- Who or what is guiding our attitudes and actions?

A Spirit-filled Church's conflicts are not interpersonal, but spiritual. V. 17

- Who or what are you fighting?

Revival comes in a church when believers face the fact that they have been living for the flesh and not walking in the Spirit.

A Spirit-filled Church is ruled by the Holy Spirit and not by the rules of the Law. V. 18

- Who rules your life?

It is Christ who justifies, declaring us righteous, not the Law.
It is the Holy Spirit who sanctifies, making us holy, not the Law.

“Life by the Spirit is neither legalism or license – nor a middle way between them. It is a life of faith and love that is above these false ways. Being led by the Spirit does not imply passivity but rather the need to allow oneself to be led.” – James Montgomery Boice

A Spirit-filled Church manifests the fruit of the Spirit, not the works of the flesh. V.19-26

- When was your last spiritual checkup?