

Course Title: A SPIRITUAL CHURCH

Goal of This Lesson: This lesson provides an overview of the scriptural aspect and flow of the Apostolic Church.

Note: The local church is the groundwork for soul winning, discipleship, and expanding the Kingdom of God. We must understand the framework that the Lord designed for the church to function in victory.

READING ASSIGNMENT: Please Read the Following Passage(s)

(Luke 24:49 NKJV) "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Introduction

This is a part of Christ's last commission to the disciples before the church was organized after Pentecost all of those who were in God's church are people who had the Holy Spirit. But having had the Holy Spirit is not necessarily an indication of present spirituality.

- The church immediately following Pentecost is a good example of what a spiritual church should be.

They Were Filled With the Spirit

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(Acts 2:1-4 NKJV) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and [one] sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Love and Unity Was Perfected In Them

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(Acts 2:46 NKJV) So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

The Church Was Progressive

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(Acts 2:41 NKJV) Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added [to them].

(Acts 2:47 NKJV) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

(Acts 5:14 NKJV) And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

Persecutions Were Common

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(Acts 5:18 NKJV) and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

(Acts 5:40-41 NKJV) And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten [them], they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Divine Healing Accompanied Them

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(Acts 5:15 NKJV) so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid [them] on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

Signs Followed Them

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(Acts 2:43 NKJV) Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

(Acts 5:12 NKJV) And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch."

The Money Supply Was Sufficient

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(Acts 2:45 NKJV) and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

(Acts 4:34-35 NKJV) Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid [them] at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone

The Members Were Steadfast In the Doctrine**READING ASSIGNMENT:** Please Read the Following Passage(s)

(Acts 2:42 NKJV) And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."

How the Church May Become Spiritual

- By obeying the Word
- Through self-sacrifice
- Through prayer and consecration

How a Church May Become Non-Spiritual

- By flirting with the world
- By letting pride into their hearts
- By wanting to be like other people
- by neglecting their spiritual obligations

The Results of a Non-Spiritual Church

- The budget is hard to meet
- Crowds are small, there are no converts
- Services become dry, dreary, formal, and disinteresting
- Members become discouraged and leadership is feeling the drag

Conclusion

The body without the spirit is dead, so is the church dead without the spirit. A dead church is worth about as much to God as a dead body is to the church.

Congratulations on completing this lesson. While some lessons may seem harder than others, you must always study to show yourself approved unto God, and reveal to others, what God has given you.

**Assignment
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Print Full First Name

Middle Initial

Print Full Last Name

Church Name: _____**Pastor:** _____**Date:** _____***Take your time to review each question before you provide your answers.***

1. According to the lesson, how many believers of men and women were increasingly added to the Lord?

2. According to the lesson, what scripture is used to describe that fear came upon every soul through the apostle's actions?

3. According to the lesson, according to Acts 4:34-35, nobody lacked anything because the people gave, and what did the apostles do with those donations?

4. According to the lesson, by flirting with the world, letting pride into their hearts, and other things, reveals how a church may become what?

5. According to the lesson, having had the Holy Spirit is not necessarily an indication of what?

6. According to the lesson, the body without the spirit is dead, so is the church dead without the Holy Spirit. A dead church is worth how much to God?

**Assignment
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ANSWER SHEET

1. Multitudes
2. Acts 2:43
3. Distributed to each as anyone had need
4. Non-Spiritual
5. Present spirituality
6. Worth about as much to God as a dead body is to the church