

“The Holy Spirit's Importance”

Acts 4:31

THIS IS WHAT ANY TRUE GOSPEL ORIENTED CHURCH OUGHT TO WANT WHEN IT COMES TOGETHER: THEIR CHIEF AND END GOAL.

Three Aspects of Apostolic Lead Church:

1. Prayerfully come together.
2. Filled with the Holy Spirit. (The "Glue")
3. Speak the Word of God.

1. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit is greatly neglected in our day.

- A. Instead of Him shaking the Church, man shakes it with worldly tactics.
 - I. Just as in Pharaoh's day, when God did powerful things men tried to replicate it.

2. Though evangelical's are zealous about the Deity of Christ (and rightly so) they have all but abandoned the Deity of the Holy Spirit and our need for Him.

- A. We are Trinitarians in doctrine, but not in practice.
 - I. Doctrine is powerless if not put into practice.
 - II. Yet, the Church today shuffle's too much of it's right Doctrine to the back of the scene, like old documents stored in the attic, only to be brought out occasionally to reminisce on.

3. The Church must repent of this terrible sin.

- A. Jesus said to wait and do nothing without the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:4-5, 8)
- B. He said the Holy Spirit will teach us everything and lead us into all truth. (John 16:13)
- C. A church without the Holy Spirit is dead, being absent of the Presence of God in any true, real, and powerful way.

4. Notice: It takes a church...

- A. When the church had gathered together with prayerful expectation, God shook them with the Holy Spirit. Meanwhile, those in charge of preaching the Word of God were supernaturally enabled to speak with boldness.
- B. Church success is cyclical.
 - I. Leaders are helped to success by the people, and the people are helped to success by their leaders.

Closing:

Mountain View, to the extent that we have neglected the Holy Spirit congregationally, needs to repent of this sin and put the need for the Holy Spirit at the very forefront of our thinking and expectation.

- Each Sunday and at Every Bible Study during the Week.
- In our fellowship (even when that fellowship is extra-churchish).
- In everything we do (Women's Tea and Christmas Banquet for ex.) Doctrine of the Holy Spirit is greatly neglected in our day.