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Speak Lord 2 - Why Should I go to Church?

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Role of Apostle, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher

EPHESIANS 4:

11. And he gave some, apostles; and some, **prophets**; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ;
13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;
14. That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
15. But speaking the truth in love, we grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ;
16. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying itself in love.

We are continuing to explore the Church, Worship, the body of Christ and the various roles

ACTS 21:

28. **Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**
29. **For I know that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**
30. **Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.**

Paul filled the role of Apostle, Evangelist, and Pastor

ROMANS 1:

1. Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an **apostle**, separated unto the gospel of God,

ROMANS 11:

13. For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the **apostle of the Gentiles**, I magnify mine office;



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1 CORINTHIANS 9:

1. Am I not an **apostle**? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not ye my work in the Lord?
2. If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the **seal of mine apostleship** are ye in the Lord.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:

1. It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.
2. I Knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.
3. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
4. How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.
5. Of such an one will I glory: yet not of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.
6. For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.
7. And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.
8. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.
9. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly there will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
10. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ' sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.
11. I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.
12. Truly the **signs of an apostle** were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

GALATIANS 1:

1. Paul, **an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)**
2. And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

EPHESIANS 1:

1. Paul, **an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,** to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:



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COLOSSIANS 1:

1. Paul, **an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God**, and Timotheus our brother,

1 TIMOTHY 1:

1. Paul, **an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour**, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope

1 TIMOTHY 2:

7. Whereunto I am **ordained a preacher, and an apostle**, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) **a teacher** of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

1 PETER 1:

1. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

I'm reminded of the Sony TV commercial on TV. You see a man standing in an electronic store contemplating which TV to purchase. A store salesman approached him to assist. He presses a button on a remote and the wall opens up to a table of TV sports personalities, including cameramen, sports commentators, race drivers, a quarterback, and a team mascot. They explain that most sports are recorded on Sony cameras and equipment and if that is the way it is recorded, wouldn't that be the best way to watch it, on the items from which it was produced. The man says yes and then turns to the salesman and says that he doesn't watch sports to which the mascot, a chicken, tries to come across the table and attack the man but he is being held back by the quarterback, Eli Manning.

I didn't think about it but as I was preparing the word of God for today, this story came back vividly.

I can't think of a better way to discuss spirituality

I don't know if you have realized it but you need to be spiritual in order to understand the last days.

John was in the Spirit on the isle of Patmos when he had an encounter with God. They thought they had put him in utter isolation. What they had done was placed him where God could have his undivided attention. It was on this island where God began to reveal to him the things that were going to come to pass. Imagine being John, with only a knowledge of things that exist in nature since the beginning of time, sending the end times complete with aircraft, machine guns, credit cards, advanced computers, space craft, nuclear weapons, cars and trucks, skyscrapers, radars, advanced weapons systems, the internet, television, cameras, and all the modern things that technology has given us. How do you explain these things with your limited knowledge and only nature and things that exist?



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REVELATIONS 1:

10. **I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day**, and heard before me a great voice, as of a trumpet.
11. Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; **What thou seest write in a book**, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Well if this book was written by John in the Spirit, don't you think you would have to be in the Spirit to understand it.

What about this book called the bible? It was not just written by men.

2 PETER 1:

16. For we **have not followed cunningly devised fables**, when we made know unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were witnesses of his majesty.
17. For we have received from God the Father honour and glory, **when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory**, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
18. And this **voice which came from heaven we heard**, when we were with him in the holy mount.
19. **We have a more sure word of prophecy**; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts;
20. **Knowing this first**, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
21. For the prophecy came **not in old time by the will of man**: but **holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost**.

God sent us the scriptures to keep us and guide us:

2 TIMOTHY 3:

16. **All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness;
17. That the man of god be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Having begun in the spirit, are we now perfected by the flesh. I pray that your eyes get opened so you can really grasp this concept of following a true and Living God.

God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth.

God started the church with the outpouring of the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. It was a supernatural event. They spoke in tongues which they knew not of. It was the power of God that was manifested. The same power that helped Peter and John healed the lame man on the way into the temple.



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ACTS 8: 29. Then the **Spirit said unto Philip**, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

ACTS 10:19. While Peter thought on the vision, **the Spirit said unto him**, Behold, three men seek thee.

ACTS 11:12. And the Spirit **bade me go with them, nothing doubting**. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

ACTS 13:2. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost said**, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3. So they, being sent **forth by the Holy Ghost**, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence departed thence and sailed to Cyprus.

ACTS 16:6. Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were **forbidden of the Holy Ghost** to preach the word in Asia,

7. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the **Spirit suffered them not**.

8. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

We need to be moved by the Spirit of God. God reveals things by his Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:9). He teaches us by his Spirit. Many times throughout the New Testament, especially in the book of Act, you see the manifestation and the power of the Holy Ghost.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:

9. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that LOVE HIM.

10. But **God revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God.

11. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man but the Spirit of God.

12. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, **but the spirit which is of god; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God**.

The church itself is a spiritual being. We are connected by the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 12:1-8)

1 CORINTHIANS 12:

7. But the **manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man** to profit withal.

8. For to one is **given by the Spirit** the word of **wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by **the same Spirit**.

9. To another **faith** **by the same Spirit**; to another the **gifts of healing** **by the same Spirit**;

10. To another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another **interpretation of tongues**:

11. But all these worketh that one and the **selfsame Spirit**, dividing to every man severally as he will.



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12. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.
13. For by **one Spirit** are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink **into one Spirit**.
14. For the body is not one member, but many.

The bible was written by Holy men who spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Holy //G40 // Hagios // hag'-ee-os

1. Most holy thing

Ghost // G4151 // Pneuma // pnyoo'-mah //

1. The third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son

ACTS 20:

17. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called for the elders of the church.
18. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, (know them that labour among you).
19. Serving the Lord with **HUMILITY** of mind and with many fears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:
20. And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you (my goal is to teach the whole word so you can be profitable and not be dependent on me but on the Holy Ghost that is in you), but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,
21. Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD**, and **FAITH TOWARD OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**.
22. And now, behold, I go **BOUND IN THE SPIRIT** unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:
23. Save that the **HOLY GHOST WITNESSED** in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.
24. But **NONE OF THOSE THINGS MOVE ME**, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might **FINISH MY COURSE WITH JOY**, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.
25. And now, behold I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.
26. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am **PURE FROM THE BLOOD OF ALL MEN** (Paul redeemed himself from his earlier sins through faith in Jesus Christ and following his will).
27. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.
28. **Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**
29. **For I know that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.**



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30. **Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.**

31. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

We need the Spirit of God in these last days

- We need to pray for God to baptize us in his Spirit
- We need to seek it to fall fresh on us
- We need the anointing of the Lord
- We need to hear from the Spirit
- We need to pray and listen for the Spirit