

Church:

A People Of The Spirit

**“I’m hungry for another
Asbury.”**

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**It must be natural for
believers to long for a greater
sense of God's presence in
their lives.**

**The Holy Spirit's outpouring
fulfills God's promise to
dwell both in and among His
people.**

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**The Holy Spirit marks the
return of the lost presence of
the Trinitarian God.**

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Luke 2:25-34

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“Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.

When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

**‘Sovereign Lord, as you have
promised, you now dismiss your
servant in peace. For my eyes have
seen your salvation, which you have
prepared in the sight of all people,**

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**A light of revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.’
Then Simeon blessed them and said
to Mary....”**

Luke 2:25-34 NIV 1995

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Luke 2:25 NIV 1995

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**“Simeon took him in his arms and
praised God, *saying*...Then Simeon
blessed them and *said* to Mary....”**

Luke 2:28, 34 NIV 1995

“...the Spirit is both the interior expression of the unseen God’s personality and the visible manifestation of God’s activity in the world. The Spirit is truly God in action.”

Fee, Gordon D.. Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God (p. 30).
Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

“Jesus is Lord over the church. The Holy Spirit is the Lord in the church.”

– Graham Cooke

**The Spirit is the empowering
presence in the church,
manifesting His power
through witness, fruits, and
gifts.**

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Witness Formation

As new creations in Christ, we reflect the nature of God through kingdom virtues and values, resulting in a unique and countercultural way of life.

“But when he, the *Spirit of truth*,
comes, he will *guide you into all the*
truth.”

John 16:13 NIV 1995

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Fruit Formation

The “fruit of the Spirit” involves individual participation, but is mainly about community life.

“Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”

Romans 8:5-6 NIV 1995

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Gifts Formation

The Spirit gifts individuals, and through the diversity of these gifts the entire community is strengthened, enabling them to live out their new witness while awaiting the fullness of God's coming Kingdom.

**"Now to each one the manifestation
of the Spirit is given for the common
good."**

1 Corinthians 12:7 NIV 1995

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"And do not *grieve* the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Ephesians 4:30 NIV 1995

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Three certain ways to grieve the Holy Spirit:

- 1. Fear**
- 2. Selfish ego**
- 3. Orphanism**

**Our lives will be strong and
effective when we:**

- 1. Understand the personality and purpose of the Holy Spirit.**
- 2. Build a relationship with Him.**
- 3. Welcome His authority.**
- 4. Trust and follow His guidance.**

A relationship with the Holy Spirit entails abiding in His presence, empowering meaningful lives, and witnessing to God's saving love, healing grace, and transformative power.

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“If we are going to count for much in the post-modern world in which we now live, the Spirit must remain the key to the church’s existence.”

**Fee, Gordon D.. Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God (p. 179).
Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.**

**In each of our lives, the Holy Spirit must
be the lead actor;
and at best, we are supporting actors.**

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Sincerely pray...

**"Holy Spirit, ignite in me a renewed
hunger for You, King Jesus, and the Father.
I am open and ready to follow Your
leadership in my life."**

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