

THE HOLY SPIRIT in relation to THE ASSEMBLY

Matt 16 v 18: “I will build my church” – **Matt 28 v 18-20:** “Go ye, teach all nations even unto the end of the age”.

Mark 1 v 7-8: John Baptist preached: “there cometh One mightier than I He shall baptise you in the Holy **Ghost**”.

Luke 24 v 44-49: “repentance and remission of sins preached tarry ye in Jerusalem, until endued with power”.

Acts 1 v 8: Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me”.

Acts 2 v 1-4: “there came a sound of a rushing mighty wind, and filled all the house” – (immersed in the Holy Spirit).

This was **Expected prophetically** (Matt 3) – **Experienced historically** (Acts 2) – **Explained doctrinally** (1 Cor 12 v 13).

“Baptised into one body” (corporate - cannot have half a body) – “to drink into one Spirit” (individual at salvation).

THREE THINGS HAPPENED ON THIS DAY OF PENTECOST!

1. Holy Spirit descended – 2. God commenced building His Church – 3. God commenced planting local assemblies.

Many distinctions between the Church composed of every believer, and local churches gathered to the Lord’s Name.

New Testament speaks of nothing else than the church (body of Christ - singular), and scripturally gathered local

churches (plural) desiring-- to follow the N/T pattern -- Ephesians gives us a view of the Church (body) in a 3-fold way:

1. a **Body**- completeness, Christ Head – 2. a **Building**- construction, Christ foundation - 3. a **Bride** - companionship.

Whereas a local assembly gathered together in His Name, is a local fellowship and testimony. – **(10 Distinctions)**.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE PLANTING OF AN ASSEMBLY

Acts 17 v 3-4: Paul preached gospel at Thessalonica (many believed) – and when Paul wrote to the church of the

Thessalonians in **Ch 1 v 5:** “our gospel came not unto you in word only, but in power, and in the **Holy Ghost**”.

Acts 18 v 8: Many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptised – and Paul wrote in **1 Cor 2 v 4:** “my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the **Spirit** and of power”.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE PROVISION OF SPIRITUAL FOOD

Acts 20 v 28: “Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in the which the **Holy Ghost** has made you overseers, to feed the church of God (Ephesus), which He hath purchased with His own blood” – (protection from grievous wolves).

Rev 2 and 3: To the seven churches, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the **Spirit** saith unto the churches”.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE PATTERN OF THE ASSEMBLY

Acts 1 v 2: “He was taken up, after that He through the **Holy Ghost** had given commandments unto the apostles”.

Acts 2 v 41-42: “they that gladly **received His word** (saved), were **baptised**, and were **added** unto them, and they **continued stedfastly** in the **apostle’s doctrine** and **fellowship**, in **breaking of bread** and **prayers**”. (**Matt 28 v 20**).

SPIRITUAL AND SCRIPTURAL PRACTICES OF THE ASSEMBLY

1 Tim 3 v 15: “in the house of God, which is the **church** of the living God, the pillar and ground of the **truth**”.

2 Thess 3 v 4: “We have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things we command you”.

THE PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE ASSEMBLY

1 Cor 3 v 16: “know ye not that ye are the **temple of God**, and the **Spirit of God** dwelleth in you”.

2 Cor 6 v 16: “ye are the **temple** of the living God: as God hath said, I will **dwell** in them, and they shall be my people”.

THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN THE ASSEMBLY

1 Cor 12 v 4: “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit” – **v 11:** “but all these worketh that one and

selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as **He will**”. – **v 14 :** “for the body is not one member, but many”.

THE SPIRITUAL PURPOSE OF THE ASSEMBLY – (fellowship)

Phil 2 v 1: “If there be any **fellowship** of the **Spirit** fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, of one accord, of one mind”. -- **Acts 2 v 42:** “And they continued stedfastly in the apostle’s doctrine and **fellowship**”.

We are living in a unique period of time (the church age) which commenced on the day of Pentecost, and will end at the rapture of the saints to heaven, and it is the Lord’s intention that **all** genuine believers should be baptised and enjoy happy fellowship in a scripturally gathered assembly where the N/T pattern is believed and practised! – **Some features:**

1. Attraction of the Person – **2.** Acknowledge His Lordship – **3.** Authority of His Word – **4.** Allow the Holy Spirit to guide.