

The Purpose of the Church

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1 Peter 4 - The Glory Manifests in:

- > Speaking as God would speak (v. 11)
- > Ministering with God's ability. (v. 11)
- > To the extent we participate in Christ's sufferings. (v. 13)
- > Reproached (Insulted; Abused; Censured) for the Name of Christ. (v.14)
- > Suffering as a Christian. (v. 16)

Even though there are many different emphasis through out the book of Acts as we see the Outpouring the Spirit / The Glory manifest on the earth, there are a number of things we see that are emphasized over and over.

1. **Salvations**
2. **Baptism with the Spirit**
3. **Signs & Wonders**
4. **Healings and Miracles**
5. **Preaching and Teaching of the Gospel**
6. **Boldness preceded the demonstration of Power**
7. **Resulting in: Persecution**
: Many people being Saved
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9. **Directed and Led by the Holy Spirit**

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11. Prophecy, Dreams, Visions
12. Fear of the Lord on the people
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Colossians 1:27 (NKJV)

[27] To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.



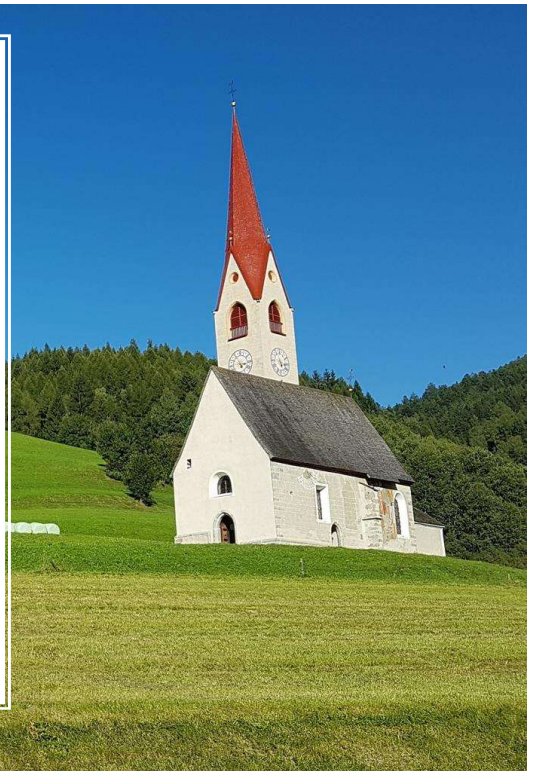
**God's desire
is and has
been since
Pentecost:**

To Manifest his Power & Presence through everyone

You and I can have the Holy Spirit in us but may never have the Glory Manifest in our lives because we don't allow the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit to work on us and through us.

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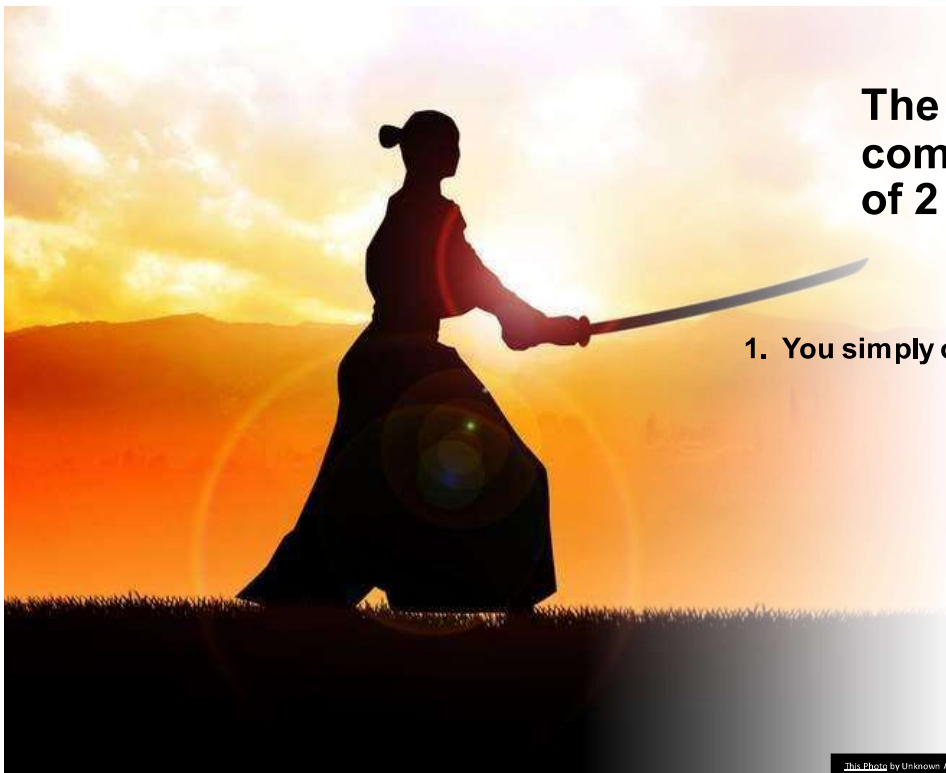
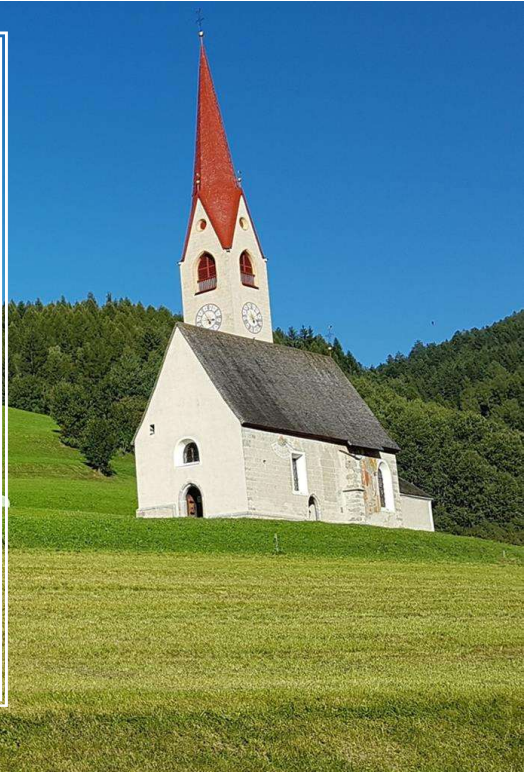
- A. Present / Preach / Teach the Gospel & Make Disciples.**
- B. When that is done correctly/ submitted-ly/ obediently**
 - 1. The Power & Presence of the Holy Spirit Manifests.**
 - 2. That is called a Glory Outpouring. (On 1 or 1000's)**
- C. Why?? - To do 'A' - Above correctly, demands supernatural confirmation - Signs & Wonders. (Mark 16:20)**



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D. THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL REVOLVES AROUND:

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- HAVING A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD.
- EXPERIENCING HIM IN AN INTIMATE / RELATIONSHIP WAY.
- BEING SAVED / SET FREE / OVER-COMING THE STUFF THAT IS DESTROYING US.
- RULING AND REIGNING ON THIS EARTH.



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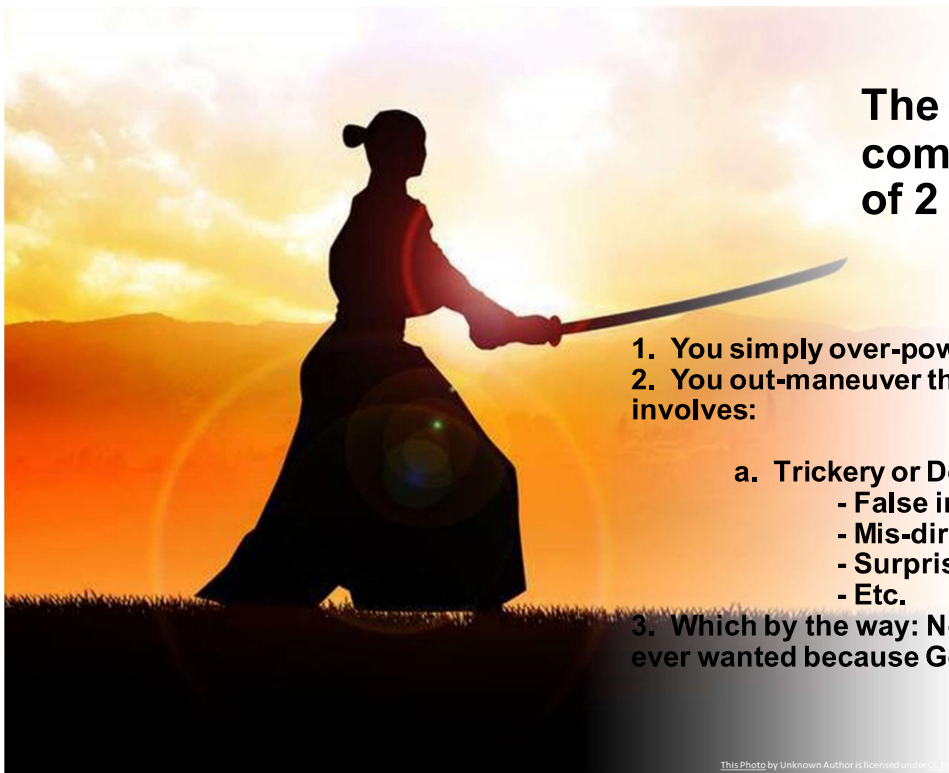
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3. Which by the way: None of which is what God ever wanted because God never wanted war.

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The goal / focus becoming:

- #1 - Falling under the Power.**
- #2 - Laughing.**
- #3 - Drunk in the Spirit.**
- #4 - Continual Words for people / prophesying.**
- #5 - Fragrances, Glory Dust, Wind, Etc. (shaking, jerking, weeping, speechless)**
- #6 - Demons being cast out of believers on an ongoing basis.**
- #7 - Believers being caught in a never-ending cycle of needing healing.....**
- #8 - Cycles or Outbreaks of Revival. (Acts 10:46 - Holy Spirit fell.....)**
- #9 - Localized Revival or Outpourings.**
- #10 - Etc.**



In other Church circles: (THE EMPHASIS to grow.....)

- #1 - Becoming a social club:**
 - > Softball teams**
 - > Ladies nights out**
 - > Men's bowling leagues**
 - > Children's game night**
 - > Family Fun Events**
 - > Etc.**



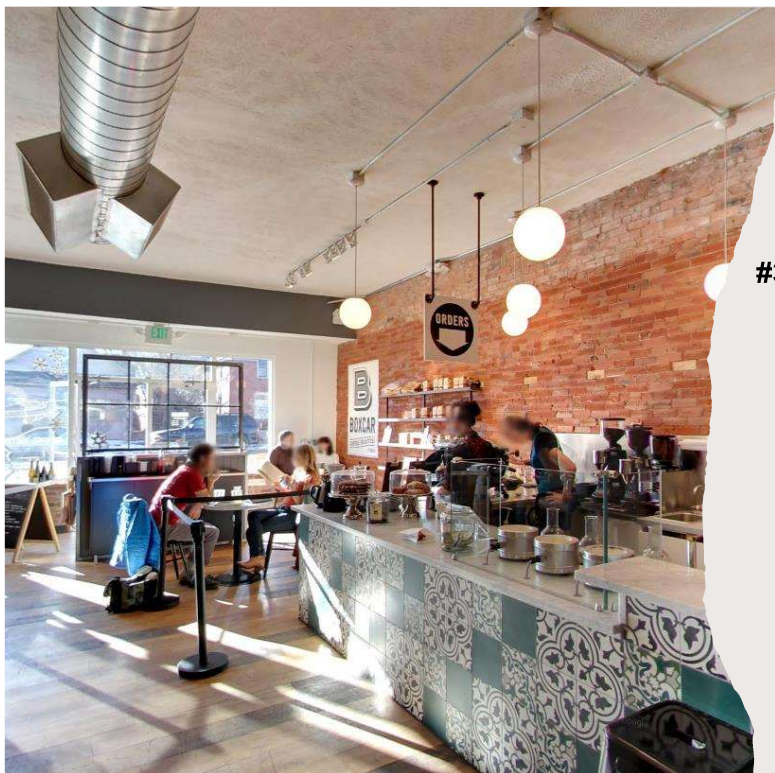
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#2 - Becoming an entertainment venue:

> Weekly music concerts (smoke, lights, perfect musicians, outstanding shaped and looking praise people), instead of Praise & Worship.....

> Stand up comedy messages, entertainment approaches to presenting the gospel, being relevant by preaching “Lord of the Ring’s” or “the Chronicles of Narnia”, Etc.

> Children’s/ Teen’s Entertainment Centers



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#3 - Becoming the place to be:

> Modern / beautiful facilities

**> Coffee Bars, in house
restaurants, theater seating....**

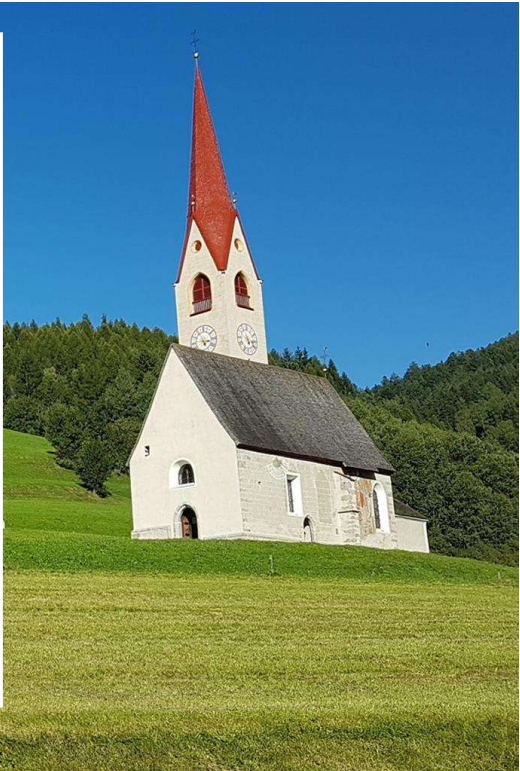


Let me
be clear

In themselves, there is nothing wrong with any of the things I listed.

But when they become the focus, the reason we are a growing / thriving / this is how we're going to reach the world type of church...

WE'RE DECEIVED.



The Purpose of the Church: (Scripturally)

The thing that is supposed attract people to the gospel is:

- The Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit in Manifestation.

- Why would that be attractive:

- > Because people have recognized a need / lack in their lives that only the Power and Presence of God can fill.

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Romans 8:18-30 (NKJV)

[18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. [19] For the earnest expectation of the (people) creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. [20] For the (people) creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected (them) it in hope; [21] because the (people) creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. [22] For we know that the (people) whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. [23] Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

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[24] FOR WE WERE SAVED IN THIS HOPE, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? [25] But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. [26] Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. [28] And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. [29] For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. [30] Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.