

# **Marks of the Spirit Filled Church – Part 1**

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## I. Introduction. (Acts 2)

A. At Pentecost, the important thing was not that the Spirit had come, but that Jesus was exalted.

1. The glorification of Jesus brought the Holy Spirit.
2. Wherever Jesus is glorified, the Holy Spirit comes.

## II. The example of Peter.

A. Peter was the first man to get on his feet after the Holy Spirit came to the church. (Acts 2:14)

1. Peter believed the Lord's word and he received confirmation in his heart.
2. New Testament faith.
  - a. Faith as it is found now is a beginning and an end.
  - b. New Testament faith is something that brings about change and confirmation in the heart.

B. The church is trying to carry on in its own power.

1. Without the power of God, carrying on with heavenly business is futile.

## III. The church's members must strive earnestly to do a number of things as members of the body of Christ.

A. To make our beliefs and practices New Testament in content.

1. We can never think for a minute that there is a time that we are not being tempted. The time when we think we are least being tempted is the time we are being tempted the most.
2. The church must fight for what it has.
- 3 Loyalty to Christ must come before anything else.

B. To give the Holy Spirit and Jesus their place in the church.

## IV. Characteristics of the Spirit filled church.

A. A joy will work itself up in the church when God has His place.

B. When a church is a Spirit filled church it can always tell who is a child of God distinguished from a child of the world.

C. A Spirit filled church will be useful to the race of man.

**Application questions.**

1. Why is it that the Spirit comes when Jesus is glorified?

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2. New Testament faith produces action—what kind of actions mark the coming of the Spirit?

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3. How do the three marks of the Spirit filled church discussed so far relate to your own local church? What part can you play in encouraging your congregation toward these characteristics?

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