

## **Marks of the Spirit Filled Church – Part 2**

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### I. Characteristics of the Spirit filled church.

#### A. Being useful to the community.

1. Wherever there is more godliness, there is less crime.
2. The ambition is to have a church become so Spirit filled that it would affect all the churches around it.
  - a. Lutheranism forced the Catholic Church to clean up morally.
  - b. Methodism forced the Anglican Church to clean up morally.
3. We ought to seek to set the standard for others.

### II. Some do not want a Spirit filled church.

#### A. Those who make religion a Sunday garment.

#### B. Those who disengage religion from practical living.

1. The cross of Jesus Christ always changes man's pattern.
  - a. It is revolutionary.
  - b. People want the cross of Christ, but they do not want to be under the cross of Christ.
    - 1). The cross of Christ is not fun.
    - 2) There is such a thing as the joy of the Lord, but Christianity is not entertainment.
    - 3) There is more healing joy in worshipping God for five minutes than five nights of revelry.

#### C. Those who want Christianity for its culture.

### III. There are some who will be at home in the Spirit filled church.

#### A. Those who have a burning ambition to be rid of their sins.

#### B. Those who have heard the voice of the Shepherd.

1. Despite the diversity in the church, there is unity on things of Christ.

C. Those who are sensitive to the invisible presence of the Lord.

1. The only safe place for a sheep is beside his shepherd.

D. Those who have experienced the power of God.

1. There is kindness, patience, honesty and separation from all things that are wrong.

**Application questions.**

1. Where are the ambitions of your local church set? Do you desire to be an example or a follower by being a Spirit filled church? In what ways can you set the tone for your community?

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2. Where are you at within the church? Are you one who is at home with the Spirit filled church or against it? What are your reasons? Explain.

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3. A Spirit filled church is centered on the glorification of Jesus. How can you make the Person of Christ the center of your worship within the church and in your everyday life?

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