



The Person & the Work of the

Holy Spirit

*4. The Role of the Holy Spirit
in the Church - 1*

22. Also, He has put all things under His feet and made Him head over everything for the Messianic Community, (the Church)

23. which is His body, **the full expression of Him** who fills all creation.

Ephesians 1:22–23

23. the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [**for in that body lives the full measure of Him** Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].

Ephesians 1:23 (Amplified Bible)

And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, **petros**], and on this rock [Greek, **petra**] **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

Matthew 16:18 (Amplified Bible)

Behold, I lay in Zion **a choice stone, a precious corner stone**, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed.

1 Peter 2:6

The Church that Jesus said He would build will be built by the power of **the Spirit of God** on behalf of & under the headship of **the Son of God** & in alignment with **the Word of God**.

THE CHURCH

Son of God



Word of God



Spirit of God



- ▶ “My church” emphasises that the church belongs to Jesus Who builds it, sustains it, protects it and will one day remove it from this godless globe at the Rapture.
- ▶ The church is a unique entity distinct from the nation of Israel. The Church did not replace Israel. God is not finished with the nation of Israel as even an honest view of history reveals, for in May, 1948 Israel again became a nation after almost 2000 years. How can anyone honestly say God is finished with Israel?
- ▶ The church began at Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Spirit. The church was not present in the Old Testament. The Septuagint uses the word “ekklesia” in the Old Testament to describe an assembly but not the church as described in the New Testament.

Precept Austin Commentary

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Ephesians 4:11–13

apostles - prophets - evangelists **shepherds (pastors/elders) - teachers**

Paul is speaking about **MINISTRY FUNCTIONS**
He is NOT speaking about **TITLES** or **POSITIONS**

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UNTIL

UNTIL is used to indicate a point in time when an action or state ceases or when specific conditions are met

- I will wait here **until** you return
- The store is open **until** 9 PM
- Pour water into the bucket **until** it is full
- Don't open the oven **until** the timer goes off

It signifies a continuation of something up to a specific moment

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16. from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:14–16

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Hebrews 5:12

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For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, **when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions],** grows to full maturity, building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:16 (Amplified Bible)

Jesus is the Head of the body but each of us are members in particular; and as members we are articulated and fitted into one another. Everything should be in the right position, ball and socket are to be articulated, fitly joined together. All these terms carry exactly the same meaning. The idea is of a number of parts not simply bound together, anyhow, somehow, but bound together as the various parts of our bodies are joined together.

Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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What Paul is bringing out here is the necessity for every one of us to be about the things God has given us to do in the power of God's Spirit, receiving the messages through the Spirit from the Head.

We need to be a church that is in contact with the Spirit of God, that is listening to the messages from the Head, Who is Christ.

We need to daily be filled with the Spirit of God. As we are controlled by the Spirit of God and as we are functioning in our gifts so that every single person is doing what God designed them to do, the whole body will grow up into what God wants it to be.

Wayne Barber

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

1 Corinthians 12:7

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing to each one individually** just as He wills.

1 Corinthians 12:11

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▶ The Body of Christ is only spiritual

...not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25

- ▶ The Body of Christ is only spiritual
- ▶ The Church is like a retail outlet

But now **God has placed the members**, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

1 Corinthians 12:18

- ▶ The Body of Christ is only spiritual
- ▶ The Church is like a retail outlet
- ▶ The Church exists for a good experience

14. I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long;
15. but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself **in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.**

1 Timothy 3:14-15

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand **so that we would walk in them.**

Ephesians 2:10

My children, for whom I am again
in the pains of childbirth **until**
Christ is formed in you.

Galatians 4:19

For I am jealous for you with a godly
jealousy; for I betrothed you to one
husband, **so that to Christ I might**
present you as a pure virgin.

2 Corinthians 11:2

- ▶ The Body of Christ is only spiritual
- ▶ The Church is like a retail outlet
- ▶ The Church exists for a good experience
- ▶ The Church is a physical building

Church, in the New Testament sense of the word, is not a meeting we attend, but a group of which we are a part, and a group we serve within.

Keri Wyatt Kent

I thank God for teaching me as a child that church is not merely an organisation we join, or a place of worship we go to when it is convenient. The Church is the body of Christ.

Dr. Stephen Gammon

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- ▶ The Church is a physical building
- ▶ The Church is mobile, not planted

42. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
43. A sense of awe came over everyone, and the apostles performed many wonders and signs.
44. All the believers were together and had everything in common.
45. Selling their possessions and goods, they shared with anyone who was in need.

Acts 2:42-45

- 46.** With one accord they continued to meet daily in the temple courts and to break bread from house to house, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart,
- 47.** praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47

25. Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,**
26. so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
27. **that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory,** having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:25-27