

BIG CHURCH.... Answer the Questions: WHY Church? Who's Church? What Kind of Church?

Matt 16:18-19 ¹⁸ "...I will build **MY CHURCH**, and the gates of Hades shall **not prevail** against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Last wk the POWER of a HEALING CHURCHwhere SICK can be Anointed w/ Oil & Be Healed
... where the BROKEN can find their BEAUTY ... where the DEMONIAC can find DELIVERANCE
... where those who are BOUND can BREAK Every CHAIN ...where the CREATION of God can become the CHILD of God!

HURTING & WEARY can come in & find HEALING & STRENGTH

WHY JESUS CAME!!!!

Luke 5: 32 **NLT** I have come to call not those who think they are righteous (think they ALREADY KNOW it ALL), but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

HE has ANOINTED US to be the HEALING CHURCH that HE is BUILDING!

We Want to be a SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH!!!

Referring Back to the EARLY Church ...a Spirit-FILLED, Spirit-LED & as a by Product Spirit-EMPOWERED!

It is VITAL that THE CHURCH be FILLED w/ the SPIRIT!

- JESUS' Salvation = BECOME a Child of God
- JESUS' BAPTISM = BE a Child of God

Jesus SAVES Me to Become a Child of God; BUT the Holy Spirit Fills me to DO the WORKS of GOD
is NOT What they believe about Jesus... its what they believe about His SPIRIT!

IF Spirit-Filled then we must be

A SPIRIT-LED CHURCH---this is JESUS' Church---SO HE is our EXAMPLE

Luke 4:1 **NLT** Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,

Acts 8 (Philip & the Ethiopian)... Holy Spirit led Philip "Go walk beside the carriage..."

Acts 13:9-11 **NLT** ⁹Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye. ¹⁰Then he said, "You son of the devil, full of every sort of deceit and fraud, and enemy of all that is good! Will you never stop perverting the true ways of the Lord? ¹¹Watch now, for the Lord has laid his hand of punishment upon you, and you will be struck blind. You will not see the sunlight for some time." Instantly mist and darkness came over the man's eyes, and he began groping around begging for someone to take his hand and lead him.

We SHOULD have MORE INFLUENCE than ANYONE or THING in the ATMOSPHEREWe CLAIM to be Spirit-Filled.... AND Spirit-LED---the question remains:

WHAT will I DO when I get WHERE He Leads?

A SPIRIT-EMPOWERED CHURCH

Acts 2:4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Vs 14 Then Peter **stepped forward** with the eleven other apostles and **shouted to the crowd**, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.