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**God, Is  
That You**

*OR AM I CRAZY?*

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**Why we need to be a Spirit Empowered Church**

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and no mind has imagined what God has  
prepared for those who love him.”

## **Colossians 2:6**

Just as you received Christ  
so walk in Him

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# Why we need to be a Spirit Empowered church

- The Birth of the church.
- The Witness of the church
- The Power of the church
- The Persecuted church
- The Work of the church
- The Perspective
- The Diversity of the church
- The Mission of the church
- The Praying church
- The Future of the church

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# God

## Father Son Holy Spirit

**The Nicene Creed states,** “We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified....

Within the unity of the one Godhead there are three separate persons who are coequal in power, nature, and eternity. *Walter Martin*

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## 1 Corinthians 2:3-12 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. <sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, **I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit.** <sup>5</sup> **I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.** <sup>6</sup> Yet when I am among mature believers, **I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten.** <sup>7</sup> **No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden,** even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. <sup>8</sup> But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord.

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<sup>9</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,  
**“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,  
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what God has prepared  
for those who love him.”**

<sup>10</sup> But it was to us that **God revealed these things by his Spirit.** For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. <sup>11</sup> No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And **we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.**

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# Our Flesh & Pride Opposes The Holy Spirit

**Acts 7:51** "You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!

**1 Thessalonians 5:19** Do not quench the Spirit.

**Ephesians 4:30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**Galatians 3:3 & 5:16-17** How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? ...So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

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# A Spirit Empower Christian

- ❖ Life is yielded to Father, Son and Holy Spirit and they seek the Spirit's filling, presence, power, gifts and fruit of the Spirit
- ❖ Worships with an open and grateful heart
- ❖ Sees the Bible as personal, the place that the Holy Spirit instructs them and they come to know God.
- ❖ Sees the whole Body of Christ as part of them and are growing more and more deeply connected to everyone in it.
- ❖ Loves praying and spending one on one time with God
- ❖ Partners with God, listens and obeys the Holy Spirit in all circumstances, both large and small choices

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# Challenge

Say “Yes” to whatever the Holy Spirit is asking you to do before you leave this service.

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