

There was no church until the Holy Spirit came. While as a man, Jesus was able to heal and teach, however, His real impact was felt when the Spirit came. When John introduced Jesus, he said, this one will baptize you with Spirit and fire, John 1:32-33. This does not mean water baptism is not important, but the Spirit takes us into the life of the Kingdom. Therefore, it is important to pray in the Spirit.

God does not factor in age of individuals when considering the Kingdom. If He has given His Spirit to you, He has a call upon your life. God said He would take one of a city (a single person) and two of a family (a couple) and bring them to Zion, Jeremiah 3:14. There is always a period between when God apprehends a man and when he him forth. The fact that we are together, He is building us together, so that when He launches us out, we will be ready. God has decided that He will not do anything on the earth without using man, Psalm 115:16. This was the promise since Eden, that man would be the manager of the earth, Genesis 1:26-28. The manager does the day to day running, but he must remain in close contact with the owner to do His bidding.

Ephesians 2:19-22 KJV

*Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
[20] And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
[21] In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: [22] In whom ye also are
builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

Based on the verse above, how many buildings are there? I would say, two, even though there is one building. One of a city or two of a family come together to make one building. God is building us individually and also building His body as a whole. While one person or family is important, the body takes pre-eminence. We go farther as a body.

One of the biggest issues we have now is that most people do not see the vision of the body of Christ. Everyone wants to be a star, but stars shine because there is darkness. God wants to use every one of us, but we will do good if we relate as a body. At this formative stage, if we learn the basics of the body, even if we are taken to individual places, we will not be alone in

the middle of nowhere. God will take us to different places, but before doing that He will build us with our brethren so that we are not alone even when in the middle of nowhere.

When each one of us have this support structure, staying before God in the presence of each one of our brethren, the devil will try and fail. Sometimes, we will clash with one another either intentionally or unintentionally. It is when we come to the house of God, among brethren, that God cleans out internal issues that we may have.

When we were saved, we were first shown the Kingdom, but we still need to enter. Between seeing and entering, some people linger, *John 3:3-6*. The entrance has to do with our interaction with the Spirit of God. It is important to note that no one can enter the land of the Spirit without a spirit guide. Anyone who goes in may face casualties. Jesus says He is the shepherd who opens the door. He was given to us as a guide and he will lead us, *John 10:7-16*. If you come as a thief, the gate keeper does not know you. There are people who get insane when trying to dabble into spiritual things apart from Christ. We need to follow our guide.

The Holy Spirit is the key ingredient that separates the New Testament church from the old. He was given to us so that we may not only see, but that we may enter the Kingdom. This is why pre-Jesus, the jews were expecting the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit was meant to take them in. However, to enter in, we need to obey the Holy Spirit. He takes us through routes to beat out things that are not of the Kingdom, because flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, 1 Corinthians 15:50.

There were those who thought that they could deal with sin by locking themselves in a monastery, but a lot of them ended up dying spiritually. Why? You cannot kill the flesh by fleshy means. The issue is the state of the heart, not the things that tempt.

John 16:7-8 KJV

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. [8] And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

There are a lot of things said between John 16:7-13. The power to deal with Sin (notice that sin is singular here), is by the Holy spirit. In the process of dealing with sin, the Holy Spirit makes it come out of us. This is why the Lord allows us to rub against each other when interacting with one another. What we need to do is to cry out to the Holy Spirit to rid us of a contrary nature.

Exodus 23:20-22 KJV

Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. [21] Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. [22] But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

John 16:13 KJV

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The Lord Himself Is the one who prepares the way and gives us His guide. The Holy Spirit is speaking for God. If you will obey the Holy Spirit and do all that the Lord tells you, the Holy Spirit is the Spiritual guide taking us to this land.

Exodus 23:22-23 KJV

For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

Where are all these nations? Ephesians 6:12 says: *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

These nations are also the adamic nature. One may see himself as righteous, but then get angry because a brother is always preaching. This is a sign that they need to go to God to remove witchcraft from their heart. The Holy Spirit 'shows the house to the house' (meaning He exposes the fleshy nature), so that we can cry out to God. Often when we think the problem is with a brother or a sister, it is often that our love has not increased. Love covers a multitude of sin, 1 Peter 4:8. God leads us against these nations to provoke them to come out, why? So, He can cut them off.

A brother may have a behavior that offends you. However, even if it is legitimate, have you carried this issue to God in prayer for this brother? If you have had toothache before you will know that the whole body is affected when one part is affected. If four brethren have complained to you about a brother, it is not enough to bring up their attitude before the eldership. Take it to God and pray for them more than once, so that when you bring it up before them, you bring it in love.

The Spirit will want it to be that if someone comes to you with a weakness, you will join them and cry out to God. God told Moses, He would wipe out the Israelites from the face of the earth. Moses was the meekest man on the earth. He prayed to God that instead of wiping them out, God should take his name out of their inheritance, Exodus 32:10-14. This is the right attitude to have.

Pride is something we must watch out for. Pride has nothing to do with possessions. Even the poorest person can have the biggest amount of pride. The way to deal with pride is by walking in the Spirit because the way of the Spirit is the way of love.

It was said of Jesus that He loved righteousness. Many people do not love righteousness, but they do righteousness. For example, there are people who would go to work early because

their boss may fire them for coming late. This is different from a person who comes to work early regardless of consequence. Coming to love righteousness is something the Lord Himself teaches us to do.

It takes a while for the Lord to deal with our ambitions and motives. This is where the law of Love begins to take root in us.

What is the law of Love? Matthew 22:36-40, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Mark 12:29-31, Luke 10:25-28.

The first part of the law of love is in Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and the second part is Leviticus 19:18.

Matthew 22:36-40 KJV

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? [37] Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Why are we looking into this? Lack of love will prevent us from getting into the fullness of God. More so, God's work on the earth will be impeded because of a lack in this area.

Getting filled with the Holy Ghost is essential for doing the work of the Father. This did not just happen when you received the Holy Ghost. You need to be filled every day. The more you interact with the Spirit, you will not fulfil the lust of the flesh. The Spirit is supposed to lead you in little and big things. Jesus always did what his Father did. How did he know what His Father was doing? Jesus prayed more than any man. He lived and fulfilled the command of God every day.

Jesus, in John 5, went to the pool of Siloam and healed just one man. Why? Because that was the command of God for that day. Wouldn't healing all the impotent people bring people to

God? If Jesus did that, it would have been sin because that is not what His Father had commanded. Backsliding is not going to do drugs, it is knowing the will of the father and doing your own thing.

Mark 12:30-31 and Luke 10:27 says that all of this is one law. This is the law of love. This is also the law of the cross. The cross has two arms: the vertical pole and the horizontal pole. The vertical pole is to love God with all your heart and all your soul and mind. This is the basis for all the work we do with the Lord. The horizontal pole is our love for man. Notice that the horizontal pole hangs on the vertical pole. If we do not have love for God, we cannot do any service to humanity.

1 Corinthians 13:3 shows that one can give themselves to be burned without love. The basis of the service towards humanity is love. How can someone lay down their lives and not have it done out of love? The question is what kind of love do you have?

True love is the love of God that He sheds in our heart and the love for God, Romans 5:5. Out of this love, we give to the people. If we love God, we must love our fellow men. This is the law of Love. This is so that even if we were to give a rebuke, love is the intent. Here were intercede for others, not just rebuke. The highest form of prayer is a prayer of intercession. When you learn to intercede for others, this is real prayer. This is when you become a friend of God, like Abraham.

The Law of love is put in our hearts by the cross. It is a law of unconditional love towards God and men. It allows me to give from a pure heart and receive from a pure heart. If you have the law of God in your heart, even if you are serving a person and they reject your service, you are not offended.

A sister saw another sister in need and was moved by compassion and met the need. The person in need was offended that this sister would meet that need, thinking that the sister thought she was too small to meet her own need. This was a wrong heart posture. This attitude offended the sister who tried to help. The love of God would have prevented her from being offended as well and spiting the sister who rejected her service.

The Lord, in working love in our hearts will begin to point things out in the secret. When the Holy Spirit begins to tell you things in your heart, things that you should do, pay attention to it, before there is a need to bring it in public. Lest they will be exposed in public.

Intercession is the highest form of service. The burden is to encourage this church on the law of love. The key is this, we are in a body and this body has one spirit running in it. When one is affected, all are affected. This is so that even if we are in various parts of the world, I can feel a burden and pray for a brother across the world for three days because the Same Spirit lives in us both. In the end, it is God's kingdom we are building. He is the one who acknowledges our work. He is the one who gives a reward.

1 Corinthians 13:13 NASB95

But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Grace of the Lord Jesus be with your spirit.