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part one

What comes to your
mind when you hear
the word **church**?



The Greek word translated
in the New Testament for
church is the word **ekklesia**.



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So the **ekklesia** is an assembly or movement of people that have been called out around an idea or conviction.




There is a **danger** in every church age that the movement of God's people is diminished, and we become just a place.






⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

Acts 1:6–8 NLT



⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:6–8 NLT



⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood

Acts 1:9-11 NLT



among them.¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Acts 1:9-11 NLT



Is the church a place you attend
or a **movement** of people that
you are **personally** a part of?



Two things that are important if the church wants to return to being the **ekklesia**.

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⁷ They brought in the two disciples and demanded, “By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?”

Acts 4:7-12 NLT



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⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, ⁹ are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? ¹⁰ Let me clearly state to all

Acts 4:7-12 NLT



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of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says,

Acts 4:7-12 NLT



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‘The stone that you builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.’

¹² There is salvation in no one else! God
has given no other name under heaven
by which we must be saved.”

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There are two ways the Holy Spirit empowers us:

- Through the Spiritual **Gifts**.



The spiritual gifts that God
has given to his people:



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Administration

Apostle

Discernment

Evangelism

Exhortation

Faith

Giving

Healing

Helps

Hospitality

Knowledge

Leadership

Mercy

Prophecy

Serving

Speaking in tongues

Teaching (sometimes
known as shepherding)

Wisdom





¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10 NLT

- To witness

³¹ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31 NLT

- To **witness**

¹⁷ So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 9:17, 20 NLT

- To **witness**

²⁰ And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is indeed the Son of God!”

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- The Spirit of God is **constantly** at work **preparing** people around you.
- The Spirit of God uses **you** to speak His words.