



(Subtitle-His Temple On Wheels!)

The only reasonable explanation for the church of Jesus Christ having more members than any other religion in the history of the world has been the work and the power of the Holy Spirit.

He convicts the world of sin.

John 16:7-8

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

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He empowers followers of Jesus to share the gospel.

Acts 1:8

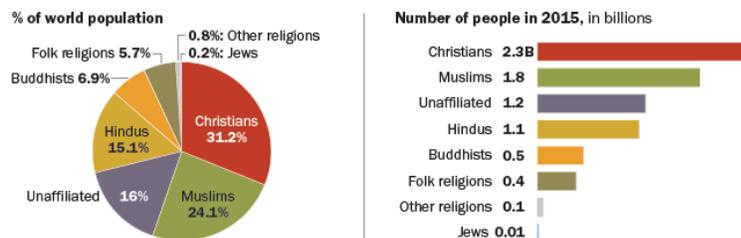
8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

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Because of the work of the Holy Spirit, beginning with just 11 dedicated followers, Christianity became the predominant faith of all people groups throughout the Roman Empire.

When it appeared that Christianity was forever lost during the dark ages from 500-1000AD, the Holy Spirit preserved a remnant of genuine believers and started a new movement of authentic Christianity that rose up and has again spread throughout nearly every people group in the known world.

Christians are the largest religious group in 2015



Source: Pew Research Center demographic projections. See Methodology for details.
"The Changing Global Religious Landscape"

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In some of the darkest times and darkest places on earth, the Holy Spirit has moved upon the most wicked people on the earth and they have been transformed to show forth the light of God. This is currently happening in Iran.

(Video-Show the first three minutes of this....

<https://www.foxnews.com/faith-values/worlds-fastest-growing-church-women-documentary-film>)

Throughout the course of my life I have sought to be a part of such a movement of the Holy Spirit here in OKC. My personal conversion occurred during such a movement in Del City, Ok, which was a part of a greater movement that was called the Jesus Movement. The Jesus movement was an Evangelical Christian movement beginning on the West Coast of the United States in the late 1960s and early 1970s and it spread primarily throughout North America, Europe, and Central America, before subsiding by the late 1980s. I attended the Christian Woodstock of the Jesus movement called Explo 72 in Dallas.



Since I became a Pastor, I have traveled to churches throughout the United States whenever I heard that the Holy Spirit was being poured out in a significant way upon a church.

I have gone to learn, not just to experience. I have read every biography of every great preacher and missionary that has experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I have personally interviewed individuals that have appeared to play a significant part in an outpouring. I have been devoted to change whatever I need to change in the church that I Pastor or in my self to if I thought that the change would somehow contribute to a significant movement of the Holy Spirit.

What have I learned from my research and my experience?

I have only personally witnessed an outpouring that resulted in mass conversions to Christ in two settings; Africa and gymnasiums.

What do Iran, Africa, and gymnasiums have in common?

The gospel is being taken to people outside the walls of a church owned building.

If we read the stories of every great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in church history that resulted in mass conversions, this appears to be a common thread; believers took the gospel outside the walls where their worship services were held and shared the gospel with those who are lost.

In the book of Acts, there is not one story of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Christians meeting in a church owned building that resulted in mass conversions.

The Holy Spirit responds to the faith of believers that sincerely believe they are His temple on wheels!

When we go to unbelievers in faith to share the gospel, the Holy Spirit always does His part.

In order to begin to experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit through our life, we need to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. We must become His temple on wheels.

What must change in us to become the Holy Spirit's temple on wheels?

1. We must own the responsibility to share the gospel. (Matthew 4:19)
2. We must make sharing the gospel our life purpose. (Romans 1:1-2)
3. We must go where the Holy Spirit commands us to go. (Matthew 28:19-20)
We must find our gym.

What is your gym?

We should all have concentric circles of lost people that we have relationship with that need Jesus.

- Family
- Extended family
- Neighborhood
- Clubs
- Organizations
- School
- Workplace
- Ministries

The Holy Spirit wants to work through us to reach those people. He wants us to be His temple on wheels to those people.

4. We must use your spiritual gifts, talents, and skills to serve people we are trying to reach with the gospel. (Romans 12:3-8; I Corinthians 12:1-11; I Peter 3; Ephesians 4:7-16; I Peter 4:10-11).

In order to help us accomplish our mission, the Holy Spirit gives every member of the church at least one gift that can be used to serve people.



These spiritual gifts are supernatural in origin, but they do not all appear to be supernatural when they are exercised.

For example, at Pentecost, all 120 messengers of the gospel received the gift of languages that enabled them to speak to the Jews in Jerusalem in their native tongue. The gifts were given as a sign to the Jews to confirm that Jesus was their messiah. As a result, 3000 believed the message of Peter and the church grew in number. The gift of languages appears to be supernatural when it is exercised by those that have it.

But the Holy Spirit gives other gifts to the members of the church that do not appear to be supernatural when they are exercised. These would include the gift of encouragement, giving, serving, mercy, teaching, and leading. They are just as important to the spread of the gospel as the supernatural gifts. The Holy Spirit wants to use every one of them along with our talents and skills to work through us to share the gospel outside the walls of a building owned by the church.

How our spiritual gifts?

- **When a need is shared, how are you inclined to meet the need?**
What do you have faith to do? What are you most comfortable doing? What do you see as the greatest need?

Peter and John saw a man begging for alms at the gate beautiful. What was their first inclination to meet the need? What would be yours?

- **When you serve others, what service brings you the greatest satisfaction?**
- **What gift do others see in you?**

5. We must have a strategy for sharing the gospel one on one. (Proverbs 11:30)

There are lots of strategies you can learn.

- Four spiritual laws
- Evangelism Explosion
- Storying (Acts 26)

You can give people books to read and audio sermons to listen to but the most powerful strategy you have is your own story. You need to get with people from your gym one on one and share your story.

The church of Jesus Christ is a great place for us to practice using our spiritual gifts, talents, and skills to serve others.

At Western Hills there are numerous opportunities to use your spiritual gift, talents, and skills to serve the members of our church.

On Sunday mornings we need to a small army of people just to have our Sunday service.

During the week we have bible clubs to reach our community.

We have elders and deacons for those who feel God is calling them to serve in leadership.

We have small group leaders that facilitate team discipleship and spiritual growth.

The greatest opportunity we provide for every member to practice is with the members of a small group. Nearly every week something a need will be shared that you give you the opportunity to use your gift to meet a need.

But using our spiritual gifts to serve our church family is not a substitute for God's calling on every one of us to share the gospel with others.

6. We must love without hypocrisy (Romans 12:9)

If you want to be a part of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit during your lifetime.....

- You must own it is your responsibility to share the gospel.
- You must make sharing the gospel your life purpose.
- You must go where the Holy Spirit tells you to go.
You must find a gym.
- You must use your spiritual gifts, talents, and skills to serve people in your gym.
- You must have a strategy for sharing the gospel one on one.
- You must love without hypocrisy.

To fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ, there is God's part, our part, and the other person's part. If we do our part, the Holy Spirit will do His part.

Let's surrender to the Holy Spirit and do our part.