

Wanted: A Drunk Church

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n the book of Acts of the Apostles, we see a lot of exciting things taking place. You cannot find a single chapter in Acts of the Apostles that is not exciting. The book represents the first record of the church of Jesus Christ after the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some people have said the book can be called the Acts of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-6 reads, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in

one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwellina at Jerusalem devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude together, came and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language." The first time this kind of language confusion happened was at the tower of Babel. At that time, their own tongues divided Pentecost. the them, but at tongues united them.

We continue from verse 7-13, "And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians. and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea. and Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another. What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine." The people came to that conclusion after seeing the way the Christians were

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behaving. They found that the Christians were under an influence that they could not understand. So they said they were filled with new wine

We continue from verse 14-21. "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." These were men who were asking for power from on high and when that power fell, they were not the only ones that knew that something had happened. Those who were looking at them realised that something had happened to them. Keep this at the back of your spirit. Ephesians 5:18 reads. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" Wanted: A Drunk Church.

The church as it stands now must stop existing as a mere figure. We must now determine to become a mighty force to be reckoned with. The church is not just a building. The church means an assembly of people called together. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18b, "...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The church must stop being consumer. We must be a major contributor in this generation. We are not supposed to function as a thermometer. We must function as a thermostat. We need to understand the power of the church.

What is the Church?

- The church is a living organism.
 It has a head, hands and feet.
 That is why when Saul was dealing with the body of Christ, the head spoke from heaven.
 The church, as a living organism, must grow.
- The church is also an organisation. It must be organised for growth and expansion.
- The church is a body, the body of Christ, and because it is a body, it is possible that there may be sickness in parts of the body.
- The church is the temple of God. Since it is the temple of God, there must be holiness within

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- The church is the gate of Heaven. Since the church is the gate of heaven, it must be clean and pure.
- The church is the presence of God; therefore it must provide solutions to problems.
- The church is the only power that can stop satan. This is because it is unto the church Jesus said in Luke 10:19, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." That power lies in the church of God.
- The church is the only plan that God has to reach the world.

So the church is a very serious thing, but we find that we are not in the position that the Almighty wants us to be. In our churches we abounding find find sin. we wickedness and evil, we find sickness disease and poverty, we find sorrow, crime and violence within the household of God and we find plenty demonic activities and machinations. There are so many things going on in the house of God. The kind of church that can do what God actually wants them to do is really a drunk church.

Here are a few statements about the church that I want you to take to heart and meditate upon:

- 1. In many churches, satan has a reserved seat. He is sitting down there. It is our job to upset him and to unseat him.
- 2. Many church members have heen starched and ironed without being washed. They did not wash them but they starched them and ironed them. So thev remain unchanged, although they come in and out.
- 3. The reason the world has lost its faith is because the church has lost its power. Until we rediscover our power, many things will continue to happen which we cannot explain. If we do not go out in that power and change our environment, the children of darkness would keep harming us.
- 4. A church is like a bank. The more you put into it, the more the Almighty gives to you. Unfortunately, in this generation, you have many

- floating members. When there are plenty floating members in a church, it leads to a sinking church. A floating member is someone who is not committed to anything, belongs to no group or house fellowship and does nothing for the church. He or she just comes, prays, carries his or her Bible and leaves. Such a person is a floater and if you are a floater, you are a sinker.
- 5. The Church is a workshop. It is not a dormitory. It is not an entertainment centre. It is an army barracks. So when you see a strong church, it is noted by lives that are changed therein. Unfortunately, many of our churches are now filled with what we call 'retired Christians'. They do not really want to do anything exciting or new for the Lord. They just want the status quo to continue. They say, "This is how we have been doing it and this is how we shall continue to do it and we have to do it like that." Nothing new anymore.
- The business of the church is to get rid of evil. It is not our business to supervise evil.

7. When you see a church that is not reaching out to people, that church would soon pass out.

I have shared this story before but I will share it again here. That day was one of my happiest days. I was in church in our small counselling room at that time when, all of a started sudden. three men shouting outside, "Let us see that vou call your General Overseer now! We must see him now! If you don't allow us to see him, we shall burn down this place!" Burn down this place? When I heard that, I came out and I asked them to let the men in. So the three men came inside. I greeted them but they did not answer. I said they should sit down but they said this is not a time to sit down. I asked what I could do to help them. They asked if I was the General Overseer and I said, "Yes, by the grace of God." They then said, "Now, we have come to report one of your members to you. This your church member, right from the day he entered our house and rented a room there, nobody in our house has been able to attend witchcraft meetings." He said that as he was speaking to me,

his wife was sick because they disciplined her in the witchcraft meeting because she failed to attend meetings and it was the fault of this our member. He said, "Because every night, bv o'clock, he would just wake up and begin to speak some strange language and as he speaks this strange language, everybody gets so uncomfortable because there bluow then be plenty heat everywhere." I said, "Excuse me sir, sorry sir, are you saying that you are witches?" He said, "Oh yes." I pinched myself to convince myself that I was not seeing a vision and that I was actually seeing them. I asked them if the man was very insulting. They said no and that he was a perfect gentleman, but at 12 midnight, he starts. They then said, "General Overseer, we are not ready to answer any more of questions. This is the house rent that he paid for 3 years. Take it now, although he has spent 6 months, take it now and tell him not to come back again to that house." It made my day.

I was extremely glad because that was different from the kind of things I usually hear. What they normally come to tell me is. "Excuse me sir, one cat is crying by my window... excuse me sir, a big bird came to our sitting room and shouting mγ husband's name... excuse me sir, somebody came to threaten me in the office and he was pointing one finger at me and on that finger there was a black ring..." Those are the kinds of things we hear. For the first time, I could identify a member who closed the door to witchcraft meetings and decided that nobody in that place was attending. Who, instead of running away from darkness, darkness was now running away from him. That is our position. Our correct correct position is to decree that witches should not fly in a particular zone, and if they fly, they drop. It is our position to declare that if our name has been put in an evil list then the whole list should disappear... and it disappears. Our position is not that a woman sees her husband with a strange woman and starts using a bottle to hit their heads, chasing them all over town. No, she just decrees that if the man is not going to stay in the house, anytime he goes to a strange woman, let him

become impotent. That is her position. Our position is to decree what should happen. Our position is to decree and to hold that examination paper and say, "You this examination, I refuse to fail you. I must be at the top" And you put it down and write the paper. That is our position. This is the truth beloved but we are far away from it because we have refused to drink wine and get drunk on that wine. That wine is the wine of the Holy Ghost.

The Lord is looking for a drunk church. The world needs to see a drunk church. The Bible says we should drink the Holy Ghost. We should not drink the kind of wine that messes people up but we should drink the wine of the Holy Ghost. Each believer needs to get drunk on the Holy Ghost. If we have a drunk church, we would not have so many drunkards on our streets. We need choristers who are drunk in the Holy Ghost. Musicians and ushers who are drunk in the Holy Ghost. Bible study teachers who are drunk in the Holy Ghost. Preachers and Bible teachers who are drunk in the Holy Ghost. When you see someone who is drunk, he never seems to get enough. He is never satisfied with just a few sips in the mouth. He wants more and more. We have so many people in church who do not have enough of the fire of God in them. This is why the enemy is pushing them here and there because thev cannot exercise their authority. They do not know that they have inner power that can rescue them from their bondage. When you are not drunk in the Holy Ghost, you have time to gossip. Saying things you know nothing about, places you have never been and do not even know anything about, but are talking about. When a believer is drunk, even when he is in church. he is already looking forward to the next service. You just finished one church service and you are already hungry for the next one. Those are the ones who are drunk in the Holy Ghost. They do not seem to get enough. They want more.

When a man is drunk, sometimes he does not feel any pain. When you get drunk enough, nobody can hurt you. You just laugh even though people think they are hurting you. When you are drunk,

you do not worry about anything. A drunk man is not choosy. They do refuse to attend church not services if a particular person is the one preaching or singing. When you are drunk enough in the Holy Ghost, it does not matter who sings or who preaches, you always get something from what they are saving. A drunken man is very noisy because he would keep talking and saying things. The tvpe Christianity that closes your mouth would close your destiny. A drunk man looks like a drunk, smells like a drunk, walks like a drunk and talks like a drunk. When you are drunk in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost would change vour appearance. All these people we tell every day, "This dressing is worldly, don't dress like this, don't attach this to your ear, don't paint your lip..." if they were drunk in the Holy Ghost, that power would change their dressing for them. When you are drunk with the Holy Ghost, it would change how you relate with people. A drunken man's relationships have changed. The man has lost his inhibitions. That is what happened to the Apostles in those days. Those who saw them said, "These men are filled with new wine." Not even old wine. They concluded the Apostles were seriously intoxicated just by looking at them. When a man is drunk, he does not care what others are thinking about him. His pride is lost because he is drunk. Sometimes a drunken man would stay out all night. He knows he has to go to work in the morning but he stays drunk where he is. Those who are spiritually drunken with the Holy Ghost do not rush out of church. They stay there until they are told it is time to go. They cannot seem to get enough of the power of God in their lives. Ephesians 5:18 says, "And be not drunk with wine. wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit"

Our old fathers in the Pentecostal race told us in those days how they used to run the 'tarry' meetings. The tarry meetings were meetings for those who wanted to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The kind of Holy Ghost baptism that we claim to be receiving these days needs to be checked up. You receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the enemy is still pressing you down. It needs to be checked up. You are speaking in tongues and the tongues did not deliver you from bondage. The baptism needs to be checked up. You received the baptism with fire and somebody is coming to you in the dream and wants to feed you with what you do not want? No, the reverse should be the case. You should be the one saving, "What is that food in your hand? Who did you bring it for? Okay, begin to eat it yourself..." and the enemy would begin to feed itself. It is like that woman who was a member of this church. She was drunk with the Holy Ghost. She did not read too many books, in fact you can call her an illiterate. I think some of us have read too many books. We are overeducated and it is affecting our faith. So, you could call this woman an illiterate. A demon power was dispatched to her physically, not in a dream. This demon idol walked into her room without opening the door. The demon idol then started from the name she was given when she was born, a name she was not even called by again, went on to call all her five names and then said, "Yes, I am here to destroy you." She said, "Me? Okay. You demon idol, I command you, in the name of Jesus, to stand attention like a police man." The thing stood and could not move again. She then said, "What is that in your hand?" The idol said it was the club it was supposed to use on her. She said. "Now I command you, begin to use it on yourself." This sister then sat on her bed while the demon idol clubbed itself into a mess. It continued clubbing itself until the head broke and that was the end of the episode. Ordinarily, that would have been the end of that sister's life if she was not drunken in the Holy Spirit.

There is a difference between receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, having the baptism of the Holy Spirit, having a level of the baptism and being filled with the Holy Spirit. If you do not want any other dirty thing in your container, then fill the container up. Once the container is filled with water, you cannot say you want to put wood in or other things because it is already full. The space we give to the enemy is sometimes what the enemy uses. If you have a little liquid inside your container and you begin to shake it, it may take you some effort for it to overflow.

Once it is full however, any tip would bring liquid out. So, the reason God does not use some people is because there is such a low level of the power of God in their lives. Make up your mind that you want a second touch of His power. That you want to be so drunk in His power that other things that have been bothering you become things you just kick aside. Make up your mind that you would be part of that church of Jesus Christ that would pull down strongholds.

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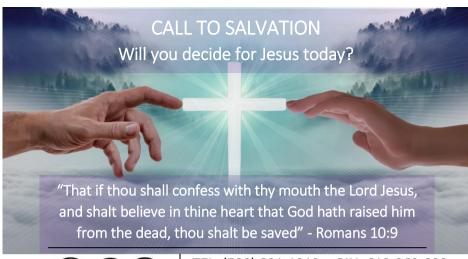
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- Power from Heaven to confuse my enemies, fall upon my life now, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to torment my tormentors, fall upon my life, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to pursue my pursuers, fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.

- 4. Fire of God that cannot be insulted, fall upon my life now, in the name of Jesus.
- Negative powers in my environment, hear the word of the Lord, die, in the name of Jesus.
- Any witch that comes to my house, be exposed and disgraced, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to find treasures in my environment, come upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
- 8. Every 'follow-follow' power in my environment, scatter in the name of Jesus.
- Every power standing by to mock me, die, in the name of Jesus.
- Altars of padlock, assigned against my breakthroughs, catch fire, in the name of Jesus.
- Powers against the shining of my star, die, in the name of Jesus
- 12. Power of God, arise, bulldoze my way into breakthroughs, in the name of Jesus.
- 13. Before my enemy knows what is happening, I will reach my goal, in the name of Jesus.

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