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## Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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### # 17-146-19    DEMYTHOLOGIZING THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH

:00 – 2:00 Comments as to the church being God's idea and not man's. The Nicene and Apostles creeds.

2:00 1 Corinthians 12:13 We have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the life of the church. Teaching on attempts by some to discount the church and still have Jesus. That is not an option: you can't have Jesus and not the church.

5:50 Acts 1-9 Terry begins teaching on the nature of the Apostolic church. The Apostles knew they were to obey a command of Jesus and await the fulfillment of a promise.

Command: Acts 1:4 Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. Reference Luke 24:49 wait until you are clothed with power from on high.

7:35 Ezekiel 36: 26-27 God promises to put his Spirit within us.

This is very different from the activity of the Holy Spirit upon people in the Old Testament, which was a temporary phenomenon.

8:20 John 14:16-17 Another Counselor, the Spirit of truth....will be in you.

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8:50 Joel 2:28 I will pour out my Spirit on all people..  
Reference Acts 2:17.

9:35 Acts 1:4-5,8 ....you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. This is not the Holy Spirit encounter at the moment of new birth (salvation), but the Holy Spirit empowering for ministry and service. Verse 8 – but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

So the first thing evident in the life of the apostolic church is that it consists of people baptized in and with the Holy Spirit. Teaching.

11:40 Acts 1:21-26 Teaching on the first church election. Qualifications: one who was with them from the beginning. They cast lots – Faith in the Lord. Reference Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.  
Reference John 1:32-34 Jesus had the Holy Spirit come upon him before he set out to do the work of the Father.

14:00 Acts 2 Teaching on another aspect of the newly born apostolic church. Manifestations of the Spirit; wisdom and boldness in Peter's preaching.

17:50 Acts 3 Teaching on another aspect of the newly born apostolic church. A manifestation of healing as a result of responding to the need of someone. Reliance on the presence and power of God.

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21:20 Acts 4 Peter and John arrested for witnessing to God's power. They are ordered to refrain from teaching or speaking in the name of Jesus. Their response: mighty courage and wisdom in the power of the Spirit.

26:00 Acts 5 Two of the best members of the apostolic church drop dead. Apostolic church; gifts of knowledge and discernment. Lying to God, the Holy Spirit: Hypocrisy; brings fear to the hearts of an apostolic church. God is jealous for the holiness of his people.

28:15 Acts 6 Prejudice and discrimination among the believers. Greeks and Hebrews had a problem between them. The apostles told them to select from among themselves men filled with the Holy Spirit and of good reputation.

31:10 Acts 7 Stephen is seized and eventually stoned to death. Suffering, for proclaiming the faith, is a virtue associated with the apostolic church.

32:45 Acts 8 The persecution spreads to the whole church and all, except the apostles, are scattered to other parts. The chief persecutor was Saul.

The church should not attempt to build itself – Jesus builds the church. The church needs to provide an atmosphere of obedience and submission in order that the Lord can build his body. Create an attitude of love for the Lord, one another, and a yielded-ness to the Holy Spirit.. Recognize that a person does not join the church, rather, they are joined unto it by an act of the Holy Spirit.

The size of the church is irrelevant. The level of commitment among the members of the body is what counts.

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Reference Judges 6,7 where the Lord reduced Gideon's troops from 32,000 to 300 so that the victory would clearly be credited to God himself and not to man.

38:00 Acts 9 Saul the renegade persecutor turns to Paul the revolutionary for Christ.

Teaching on building the right conditions within the body of Christ.

1Cor. 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Acts 1:1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:6 So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Acts 1:7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Luke 24:49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Ezek. 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Joel 2:28 “And afterward,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.

Acts 2:17 “ ‘In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

Acts 1:4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

Acts 1:23 So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen 25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” 26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Prov. 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap,  
but its every decision is from the LORD.

John 1:32 Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from

heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."