

Implication

A Spirit-filled church will be characterized by born again believers who _____ for God's Word.

Discussion Guide

1. Do you agree that the church in general has lost the Biblical expectation of the the gospel?
 - A. How does this manifest itself in the church today?
 - B. What are the two consequences of our weak expectation of salvation?
2. Given the context of our passage why is it crucial that we get the gospel right?
3. Review 1 John 3:7-10 and discuss why believers cannot stay in unbroken, habitual sin.
4. Based on what we learned today, do you believe EastPointe is a Spirit-filled church? If so, thank God for it

ANSWERS: Change, transforms, Saved, practices, priority hunger



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Acts 2:42-47 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

“continually devoting” [proskartureō] -

[proskartureō] is loaded with significance, not only by definition but by its placement in the flow of thought.

Acts 2:23 this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

38 Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins**; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

42 And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Why were "They" so devoted?

How would you characterize what took place?

Salvation _____ **lives.**

Do we have that kind of expectation?

This is not a popular idea among evangelicals.

This has led to a couple of serious consequences:

1. We no longer expect Christians to be different than the world.
2. By dismissing God's definition of salvation, we unwittingly contribute to the greatest deception of all, false conversion.

word: be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2 Timothy 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust these to faithful men** who will be able to teach others also.

1 Peter 2:2 like newborn babies, **long for the pure milk of the word**, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

Acts 17:10-11 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, **examining the Scriptures** daily to see whether these things were so.

To ignore this priority brings great harm.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

"destroyed for lack of knowledge"

The key element that characterizes a true church:

1. _____ **Church**

A. **Believers devoted to spiritual**

Acts 2:42–47 They were continually devoting themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

“apostles teaching”

The apostles' ministry of preaching and teaching dominates every other practice in Acts.

Acts 2:42; 3:11–26; 4:1–2, 8–12, 19–20, 31, 33; 5:20–21, 29–32, 42; 6:2, 4, 7, 11, 13–14; 7:1–53

God's Word must always be the _____
in the life of the church.

1 Timothy 4:13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.

“give attention” [prosecho] - **unwaveringly**
dedicated to God's Word

2 Timothy 4:1–2 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 **preach the**

Paul's description of salvation.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is a **new creature***; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

“new” [kainos] - New in quality and nature.

Paul's description of salvation his first letter.

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 **Such were some of you**; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

“were” - imperfect tense

This describes a life before salvation which is dominated by unbroken, habitual patterns of sins.

BUT you were washed
BUT you were sanctified,
BUT you were justified

One of the clearest passages on the power of the gospel.

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 3:7–10 Little children, make sure no one deceives you;

“deceives” means to be lead astray

the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

We cannot habitually practice sin because we share Christ's righteousness.

8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning.

We cannot habitually practice sin because we are no longer Satan's possession.

The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

We cannot habitually practice sin because the Lord defeated the devil's work, therefore believers escape his tyranny.

9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Believers cannot habitually practice sin because we have been born again.

10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

“obvious” [phaneros] - It means to be made manifest
To be easily and clearly known.

Romans 6:17–18 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

All unbelievers and false converts are **“slaves of sin”**

All believers are **“slaves of righteousness”**

How does the new slavery show itself?

“obedient from the heart”

“teaching to which we are committed,