

The Spirit-Filled Church (Acts 2:42-47)

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Four features of the Spirit-filled church ...

1. They were obsessed with God's presence.

- The Holy Spirit's presence leads to an obsession with the Holy Spirit's book.
- Diagnostic Question: Compared to your other pursuits, is your pursuit of God's presence obsessive or relatively normal?

2. They were filled with God's power.

- "For some [disciples] do certainly and truly drive out devils ... Others have foreknowledge of things to come: they see visions, and utter prophetic expressions. Others still, heal the sick by laying their hands upon them, and they are made whole ... In like manner we do also hear many brethren in the Church, who possess prophetic gifts, and who through the Spirit speak all kinds of languages, and bring to light for the general benefit the hidden things of men, and declare the mysteries of God ..." (Irenaeus, 180)
- The Holy Spirit's presence leads to an obsession with the Holy Spirit's book. The Holy Spirit's book leads to a pursuit of the Holy Spirit's power.
- Diagnostic Question: Is your worship characterized by a fearful expectation of God's power or casual routine under your control?

3. They were sold out for God's people.

- Diagnostic Question: Are you on the hunt for ways to give, or do you wait for needs to come to you?

4. They were marked by God's favor.

- Diagnostic Question: Are you walking in the kind of Spirit-filled joy that you'd want others to get in on?