

The New Testament Church  
*Our Church DNA #4: Called to Move in the Spirit*  
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I Churches, like individuals, have unique callings from God to *manifest the Kingdom...*

- A. We are called to apply the Bible to every area of life
  - 1. Confirmed by our history, we are called *train believers in a Biblical worldview*
  - 2. The Bible illustrates this as being both a *bride* (heaven) as well as a *city* (earth) unto the Lord
- B. We are called to loving service by embracing the two-fold work of the cross
  - 1. Separation unto God by Christ and influencing culture by being crucified unto the world
  - 2. Attitudes toward the culture (beatitudes) and example (salt and light) are to be done in love
- C. We are called to disciple the generations and join generations in ministry at all levels
  - 1. God exhorts older generations to disciple younger ones – organically – groups of 3-5
  - 2. The Abrahamic covenant deals with *receiving* and *giving* (or blessing) the nations
- D. The historic roots of our Church confirm our call to this geographic area...
  - 1. The deed of July 21, 1669 between the Pilgrims and Herring Pond Natives
  - 2. Our history confirms we are called to preach the Word with the moving of the Spirit
    - a. Biblical unity (covenant) as we did with Native Americans)
    - b. Be a *community church* where we help to improve society
    - c. Embrace a multi-generational vision joining youth and adults in ministry/education
    - d. Remembering our heritage – July 4 (Chr. History of US), 1901 (yr our church began)

II We are also called to move in the Spirit – Colossians 2:6-7 – *receive, walk, root, build up, establish*

- A. Premise #1 – The Treasure is in Christ – He is the first cause - receive
  - 1. Christianity is primarily spiritual, resting on the finished work of Christ – cross/resurrection
  - 2. Mt. 7:24 (build on the rock); 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 3:11 (no other foundation); Col. 1:15-18, 27 (exalted)
  - 3. Spiritual Essentials – born again, baptized in Spirit, conscious of spiritual gifts...
- B. Premise #2 – The Spirit moves within, and our mind, will and emotion respond to Him - walk
  - 1. How we are made – spirit (conscience, communion, intuition); soul (mind, emotion, will); body (hear, see, taste, smell, touch)
  - 2. Like the Old Testament Tabernacle – we are to live out of the Holy Place – Ark of Covenant filled with Tables of Law (conscience), Aaron’s Rod (communion), Pot of Manna (intuition)
  - 3. Meditation – training our conscience to rule our soul and body
    - a. Psalm 1:2 - memorize, rehearse, ponder, reflect on the Word
    - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:16 – we have the mind of Christ
  - 4. Prayer – exercising communion out of confidence in the resurrected life within us
    - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:12 (still small voice), John 10:27 (my sheep hear my voice)
    - b. We pray and worship out from our relationship with Christ
  - 5. Guidance – learning to hear God (the rhema) within the form of the written Word
    - a. Lk. 22:42 – not my will but thine be done; Jn. 4:34 – my food is to do His will
    - b. Learning to submit a personal witness to the Scriptures and others
- C. Premise #3 – The Spirit of God is not either mystical or natural (extremes) – rooted/established
  - 1. The Spirit works through our soul, in practical service, and forms fruit (character)
  - 2. We need to understand power and form – bell and pomegranate / treasure in earthen vessel
  - 3. Neither power without form (zeal without knowledge), or form without power (imitation)
  - 4. Hebrews 4:12 – the Word of God (Rhema and Logos) can distinguish soul and spirit
- D. What does it mean to be moved by the Spirit of God – a supernatural life?
  - 1. We rehearse that God is the first cause, and if we are born again, He lives within
  - 2. We must learn to discern His voice, leadings (the bells) with the formation of fruit
  - 3. The goal is to have character and conduct that is in the image of Christ!