

Church on Fire: Purpose of the Spirit

Wylie United Methodist Church

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Galatians 3:1-3

1 You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. 2 I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? 3 Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

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1. MATURITY FOR THE BELIEVER

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Phil 1:6

... he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Rom 15:16

(Paul said I am) a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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2. STRENGTH, ENCOURAGEMENT & GROWTH FOR THE CHURCH

Acts 9:31

Then the church... was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers...

1 Cor 14:12

... excel in gifts that build up the church.

Eph 4:11-12, 14

11 It was [Christ] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. 13...

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

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3. GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST

John 16:13-14

[Jesus said] ... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes... He will bring glory to me...