The Ready Church Is "The Church Alive"

- Living In God’s Grace And Peace
- Working By Faith
- Laboring By Love
- And Enduring In Hope
• **READ: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (5)** because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. (6) You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. (7) And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. (8) The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia--your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, (9) for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, (10) and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.
The Energized Church

The Ready Church = Energized Examples Equipped With Holy Spirit Power

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HOW IS THE CHURCH ENERGIZED? THROUGH THE POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT

- Holy Spirit Baptism Is For US
- It Helps Us Be All The God Wants Us To Be
- God Gives This Gift To Believers Who Desire It
- God’s Gift Are Great
- Salvation Is God’s Gift To Sinners
- The Baptism In The Holy Spirit Is God’s Gift To Christians And To An Energized Church
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If We Are Going To Be An Energized Church We Need The Baptism In The Holy Spirit

• (Acts 1:8 NIV) 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.

• The Power We Receive Is The Power Of God
• Ephesians 1:18-23 (NIV) (18) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (19) and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, (20) which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms
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• That Power Is – His Mighty Strength Working In Us And Through Us

• Resurrection Power = A Level Of Power Above Anything And Every Power

• The Energized Church Functions Fully When Filled With “Megatons” Of Christ’s Greatness & Power
“The Holy Spirit's Power And Energy Is Evidenced In The Church Not Only In The Explosive Fashion Of Holy Ghost Revival But Also In The Energy That Moves The Church Forward.”
The Energized Church Is Evangelistic – Ringing The Bell – Believing – Transformed

(1 Thess. 1:8) The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia--your faith in God has become known everywhere.

The Lord’s Message Rang Out It Is A Message That Needs To Be Heard

It Needs To Sound Above The Message Of The Crowd
God Has Some Great News For Humanity

• 1. Deliverance From Bondage
• 2. Fullness Of Life
• 3. People Set Free To Be Fruitful In Life
• 4. People Have Real Purpose For Being

• The Good News Is The Complete Account Of Jesus Christ And How His Life, Death & Resurrection Are The Keys To Salvation
We Have Been Enabled To Live Transformed Life Under The Spirit’s Power And Influence

“Being filled with the Spirit means that you encounter Him to the point that He spills over and begins to influence your thoughts, passion, and choices.” — Father, Son and the Other One -- Jeff Kennedy

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV) (18) Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.
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• The Ready Church Is Expecting Christ – We Are Ready And Waiting For Him

  • **WAITING** (v.10) … for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

  • **TO WAIT FOR** = to remain in a place a with expectancy concerning a future event
• “RESCUES” = a rescue from danger.
• No Danger = No Need To Be Rescued

• What Is The Rescue From? Coming Wrath

• “WRATH” = divine punishment based on God’s angry judgment against sin – rebellion – rejection
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• The Heart Of God Is That His People Would Be Rescued From The Coming Wrath

• (1 Thess. 5:9) “He Has Not Appointed Us To Wrath, But To Salvation”

• (2 Peter 3:9b) “He Is Not Willing That Any Should Perish – But That All Should Come To Repentance.”
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(MARK 1: 14b-15) …the good news of God. (15) "The time has come,"

Time Has Come For
1. Messiah To Be Revealed
2. People To Know God Personally
3. Demonstration Of God's Power & Kingdom
4. The New Covenant (Saved From Sin)
5. The Church To Be Birthed And Built
• The Next Thing On God’s Timetable Could Be The Rescue Of The True Believer

• The Rescue Plan We Are Waiting For:

• (2 Pet 2:9 NIV) if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

• God Rescued Noah & Lot --But Passed Judgment On The Wicked And Unrighteous
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• For Those Ready For His Coming

• The Lord Will Come And Rescue Them Before His Wrath Is Dispensed

• The Only Rescuer Is Jesus
What Do We Do To Be READY?

• Be Prepared He’s Coming As A Thief In The Night

• Get Your Spiritual House In Order

• Conform All Areas Of Your Life To God’s Standards Of Holiness

• Make Sure That Your Life is Ready For God To Examine And Judge
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• Check Your Spiritual Temperature

• Throw Off The Sin That Entangles

• If You Are Not Ready--The Time is Now
The Spirit Of God Is Saying Today:

• Come To Me
• I Didn’t Appoint You For Wrath
• I Appointed You For Eternal Life
• I Want To Come To Your Rescue

KEY: Get Ready For His Great Rescue Today!