

Gospel Project

The God who Sends

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1. The Body of Christ

- One Body, One Spirit
- United in suffering and rejoicing
- United in service, imitating Christ

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- God dwelling in us
- We are the temple of God
- God's Royal residence
- Built upon the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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- 3. The Presence of the Future**
 - Setting our minds on future glory
 - Colony of heaven here on earth
 - Our citizenship is in God's Kingdom
 - We look forward to the wedding feast

Session 4

One Holy, Apostolic Church

Holy

- Set Apart
- Sacred
- Religious and morally good

The church as Apostolic

1. A focus on Christ
2. Recognizes the role the apostles played in salvation history
3. Rooted in Scripture
4. Continually being reformed by the Scripture
5. Being Missional

Calling as God's People

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Context

Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13)

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2:14-36)

They were cut to the heart:

“Brothers, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37-47)

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And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Isaiah 6:3 ESV

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He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:5 ESV

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9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **11** Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. **12** Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:9-12ESV

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Remember, vs 17-19

- **17** But you must **remember**, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. **18** They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” **19** It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. Jude 17-19 ESV

Keeping Yourselves in the love of God

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- And have mercy on those who doubt; **23** save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. Jude 22-23 ESV

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For discussion:

Do you find it easier to defend the Bible against skeptics or to deliver the gospel to people who do not know Jesus?

Why?

3. We Contend for the Faith of the Apostles

1. Growing in our knowledge of the truth
2. Being watchful for false teachers of the truth
3. Defending the truth
4. Deliver the truth to all who would hear

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Conclusion