

**RELATIONSHIPS  
EMPOWERED BY  
GOD**

# Introduction

**A. Relationships within the church should draw others to Christ**

**B. Our relationships reflect our relationship with Christ**  
**Galatians 6:17**

**From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.**

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**C. The Holy Spirit is our source of power**

**Acts 1:8**

**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

**2 Timothy 1:7**

**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

**D. The work of the Holy Spirit in relationships**

# **I. Confirms Our Relationship With Christ**

## **A. To ourselves**

### **John 6:44**

**No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

### **1 John 5:10**

**He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.**

# **I. Confirms Our Relationship With Christ**

## **B. With others**

### **Romans 8:16**

**The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:**

### **Galatians 4:6**

**And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.**

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## **C. To God**

### **2 Timothy 2:19**

**Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

## **II. Controls Our Relationships In Christ**

### **A. When Spirit-taught**

#### **John 16:13-14**

**13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**

**14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.**

## **II. Controls Our Relationships In Christ**

### **B. When Spirit-filled**

#### **Ephesians 5:18-21**

**18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;**

**19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;**

**20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.**

## **II. Controls Our Relationships In Christ**

### **C. When Spirit-led**

#### **Romans 8:14**

**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

#### **Galatians 5:14-16**

**14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

**15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.**

**16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

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### **D. When Spirit-fruitful**

#### **Galatians 5:22-25**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

**23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**

**24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

**25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

# **III. Cements Our Relationships With Each Other**

## **A. In identity**

**Galatians 3:26**

**For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

## **B. In unity**

**Romans 12:5**

**So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.**

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## **C. In mind**

### **Philippians 2:1-3**

**1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,**

**2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**

**3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

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## **D. In mission**

### **2 Corinthians 1:21**

**Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;**

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