

# The Forming of a Mystical / Spiritual Community

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## INTRO.

As we continue our journey from the Outpouring to the Overturning – I want to take us on a brief – intentional detour – into a portion of Scripture the New Living Translation captions as, “The Believers Form a Community.” - - Which is found in Acts 2:42–47.

But before we dive into what a believer’s community would look like ... I feel we must first look at the final – often overlooked line from Peter’s sermon – which is found in Acts 2:40.

### Acts 2:40 Expanded Bible

Peter ·warned [testified to] them with many other ·words [arguments]. He ·begged [pleaded with; exhorted; urged] them, - - “[Save yourselves from ·the evil of today’s people](#) [this corrupt/crooked/perverse generation]!”

### The Message

“He went on in this vein for a long time, urging them over and over, ‘[Get out while you can; - get out of this sick and stupid culture!](#)’”

This verse is packed with revelatory insight that is often glossed over ... Yet, it holds the key to understanding the kind of community we see founded and formed in verses 42–47 ... I believe if we don't catch this deep spiritual warning and invitation – we’ll never truly grasp how to live as a Spirit-born community in this fallen world.

First – I want to share with you – something that has bothered me for a long time ... The church – by and large – has not created a kingdom community nor culture ... What it has created is a sub-culture – which is tucked away in the corner of society ... It has actually created a form of “church culture” – that is palatable – professional – and predictable – yet powerless ... Please don’t misunderstand me – I’m not being critical – I’m just making an honest observation

between what I see today – And what I read in Acts ... The church – if I can put it this way – with the terminology I have been sharing with you – resonates with the same frequency of the culture around it – thus having no true influence in the culture ... The church has become more like a religious social club – than a kingdom influencer of the culture.

But notice this – the early church – by contrast – didn't blend in with their culture ... They obviously influenced their culture to the place where they were referred to as those people who turned the world upside down ... So, here's the question that has bugged me since I got saved ... "If we as true Pentecostals who have had the Pentecostal experience – who are carriers of the sound and fire – then where are the world-shakers? ... Where are the people walking in this Acts-level awakening?"

I'm not going to unpack all of that just yet – as we'll get there in the weeks ahead ... But today, I want to draw your attention to something subtle – but foundational in verse 40 ... There is a hidden revelation here that became the spiritual DNA of the Acts community ... A revelation that birthed a culture – which didn't just coexist with society – it confronted it and thereby transformed it.

Let me drop this spiritual seed before we go deeper: The purpose behind Pentecost – or what I often call the Pentecostal experience – was to awaken the new nature that comes with the new birth ... Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." ... The Pentecostal experience awakens us to that truth ... It's not just an emotional high – it is a vibrational shift – a divine resonance that brings our spirit into alignment with our true nature ... It ushers us into a higher spiritual dimension – which is called – Life in the Spirit.

Let me say it like this ... You can be born again and still live like a devil ... You can be born again and still function like a mere human being ... And sadly – many if not most still do ... Why? ... Because they have never been awakened to the reality of who they really are ... What the church has done is programmed people to live and function by a religious ideology – rather

than spiritual truth ... See – the new birth makes your spirit alive ... The Pentecostal experience awakens that spirit – and reveals your true nature ... You are not just a human being trying to live a spiritual life ... You are now a new creation – a Koinos being – which needs to be awakened to that reality – so that you may walk out a spiritual life here on this earth ... The problem with Christians who are imbedded in the church culture is – they are walking around in this world – asleep and unawares of who they have been recreated to be ... Thus – they are born-again – living life like any other mere human being ... The church has created a culture where the lost and saved are very comfortable together

## **TRANS.**

So, what was Peter's last statement? ... We know it well – “save yourself from this perverse generation” ... But do we truly understand the revelation and spiritual impact this statement has as a foundational truth for forming a true spiritual community? ... A community that was known for turning the world upside down.

## **Peter's Statement was a Call to Separation - Not to Escapism**

Peter doesn't end his sermon with the traditional altar call... He actually ends it with a deeply profound mystical call: “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ... What was Peter asking the people to do? ... How can someone save themselves from a “generation” – or the culture in which they live? ... If I – or any other preacher – ended a sermon with that same statement, what would people assume it meant? ... Peter wasn't implying that they needed to leave the physical world.

I hope I don't need to explain in detail how culture creates a spiritual atmosphere – which in turn – attracts spiritual beings to it ... But let me say this – if you are spiritually sensitive – which we all should be as spirit beings – you'll pick up on the differences ... Let me use myself as an example: There's definitely a different spiritual atmosphere between Northwood and Concord.

Now catch this – Peter wasn’t calling them into isolation – which is what much of the modern church has done by creating a sub-culture within the culture ... Peter was calling them into transformation – into a coming out of the spiritual vibration of the culture – so they could begin to resonate with a new, higher, heavenly frequency of the Spirit.

Perverse means crooked, bent, twisted out of shape – so Peter was saying: “Save yourselves from a culture that is twisted in how it thinks... how it sees... how it values others... and how it lives.” ... The key here is: You are not escaping the world or culture through isolation or by hiding in a sub-culture ... You are being awakened to a higher way of living, which requires a conscious decision to separate yourself from the perverted resonance of the current age ... You’re not escaping the earthly realm – you’re being reawakened to the kingdom realm.

### **John 17:15–16 Contemporary English Version**

Father, I don't ask you to take my followers out of the world, but keep them safe from the evil one ... They don't belong to this world, and neither do I.

This verse is not about isolation or escapism – nor is it about creating a religious sub-culture – or building a commune somewhere in the woods ... Those are earthly interpretations – that are rooted in human reasoning – trying to comprehend a spiritual truth ... What Jesus is saying is this: We – as sons of God – do not belong to this world – just as He didn’t ... We are to live from a higher dimension – the kingdom – just as He did when He walked the earth.

**Now think of separation this way** ... Separation in the spirit is not spatial – it doesn’t mean you leave the room to separate from a group ... Spiritual separation is about resonance – it is vibrational ... It means you no longer vibrate or resonate with the world – the low-level perverted frequency of the age ... Instead – you choose to resonate with the Spirit that dwells within you.

### **Galatians 1:4 The Voice**

He is the very Savior who rescues us from this present, **perverse age dominated by evil** – by giving His life, according to our Father’s will, to deal with our sins.

## Awakening to Who You Truly Are

### How do we awaken to who we truly are?

#### Separation.

Honestly – this is simple in its application ... We just touched on the first step: **Separation** ... It begins with choosing to no longer live in the low-level resonance of this earthly realm ... It's choosing, instead, to resonate with the heavenly frequency that already lives inside you – through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Let's be real for a minute ... Breaking free from everything you've ever thought, felt, or believed to be true – can be hard ... But only if you let it ... Separation is ultimately a decision – no more complicated than the one you made to come to church today ... And it's a decision you don't make once – you make it daily – moment by moment – staying in tune with your inner man.

You need to learn to distinguish between your levels of resonance – which the world would call your feelings ... This isn't difficult – especially when you engage it consciously ... This is how easy it is ... Just ask yourself throughout the day ... How do I feel right now? ... What am I resonating at in this moment? ... Remember – the fruit of the Spirit isn't just character traits ... They are frequencies of the kingdom ... Love, joy, peace – these are all heavenly resonances ... Where anger, frustration, anxiety, fear, doubt – these are vibrations of this fallen – earthly realm ... You are not powerless in this ... You get to choose what realm you attune your being to ... And the more consciously you choose, the more awakened you become.

## Dismantle Religious / Cultural Programming

### Romans 12:2 The Message

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking ... Instead, fix your attention on God. ... You'll be changed from the inside out. ... Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. ... Unlike the culture around you,

always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you – develops well-formed maturity in you.

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### **Repentance**

Here’s the truth: we were all born into this culture ... We grew up embedded in it – mentally, emotionally, socially, spiritually ... So, let’s stop pretending otherwise ... Let’s stop denying it ... The reality is – we are all worldly to one degree or another ... And here’s the key: You can’t change – what you won’t admit to ... So yes – we are all – in some way – well-adjusted to this culture.

So, now that that is out in the open ... Now that we’ve dragged it into the light – we can begin to change ... We call this process Repentance – which means, to change your mind ... So, repentance begins when I stop saying, “I’m not worldly,” and start admitting, “Yes, I’ve been shaped by this world’s culture.” ... Realize - without repentance – there can be no transformation ... But with just that one act of honesty – your spiritual resonance will begin to align with the Spirit again.

### **Confession**

Next comes Confession — which simply means to agree with God ... Confession is where repentance starts to take root ... Without it, no real change occurs ... Why? ... Because confession is the beginning of spiritual dismantling.

Here’s how you apply confession ... Examine a thought or belief ... Compare it to what God says ... Then speak His Word instead of your own ... This is key: You stop declaring your opinion on the matter – and you begin to declare God’s truth ... Over time – as you consistently walk this out – your old ideology will begin to collapse – and the truth will take its place.

### **Example: Tithing**

Let’s use tithing as a practical example ... Many believe tithing isn’t for today ... That belief is often rooted in fear of lack and fueled by the enemy’s desire to keep you from prospering as a

child of God ... So how do you dismantle this? ... **Repent** – Decide that you want to change your mind about tithing ... **Confess** – Every time fear of lack rises in your thoughts, speak the Word of God concerning His provision ... Begin to declare: “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.” ... “He gives seed to the sower.” ... “I am blessed to be a blessing.” ... As you walk in this rhythm of repentance and confession – your mindset begins to shift. ... Eventually, tithing becomes a natural outflow of your trust in God – not a duty – not a struggle – but a joy.

### **Caution**

**“Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity...”**

There is a god of this world who has created a perverse spiritual atmosphere – a culture built on a non-heavenly frequency ... Have you ever wondered: Why was Satan cast out of heaven? ... Yes – sin was found in him ... And the result of that sin was a shift in his spiritual resonance ... Because of the choices he made – along with those spiritual beings from Genesis 6 – he began to vibrate with a different frequency ... He no longer resonated with the divine frequency he was created with ... That is why the Lord has prepared a place for the devil and his angels – because they became incompatible with His divine resonance.

Now hear this by the Spirit of God: Religious ideology, doctrine, and theology – in their carnal form – are all creations of that lower frequency ... They are man’s attempt to make God understandable and palatable to the unrenewed mind ... This is why we must stay alert ... The systems of this world – its culture – its ideologies – and even its religion – are designed to drag us down to their level ... Or to say it plainly - - We are surrounded by a spiritual atmosphere – shaped by the fallen – that is constantly trying to pull us out of alignment with our new creation identity.

And I’ll be honest – it’s easy to forget ... It’s easy to fall back into those old vibrational patterns of this world ... It’s also easy to grow weary of constantly rowing against the current ... But here is the truth ... When you feel the struggle, that’s actually a sign ... It’s an indicator that something in you is out of alignment with your true nature ... So, what do you do? ... Stop ...

Examine your thoughts and emotions ... Compare them with God's truth ... Confess His Word ... Realign with the Spirit within.

We must daily choose to separate ourselves from this perverse – twisted culture ... Commit daily to stay vigilant and conscious of our inner resonance ... And if things start going sideways – pull ourselves back ... You are not just a churchgoer ... You are not a cultural Christian ... You are a redeemed son – purchased with the blood of Jesus – awakened to live from the indwelling Spirit while walking upon this earth.

### TAKEAWAY

Remember – Peter didn't end his sermon with a “turn or burn” altar call ... He didn't say, “Unless you receive Jesus as Lord, you're going to spend eternity in hell.” ... Let me say it plainly – Peter didn't use any of the typical phrases we often hear from pulpits today when calling people to salvation.

Instead, Peter's plea reminds me of this moment we see in the story of the prodigal son:

#### Luke 15:16–17 The Voice

The young man felt so miserably hungry that he wished he could eat the slop the pigs were eating. ... **Nobody gave him anything** ... 17 So he had this **moment of self-reflection** (*he came to himself*): “What am I doing here? ... Back home, my father's hired servants have plenty of food. ... Why am I here starving to death?”

Here's my thought – Peter was making a plea to a group of religious people – people who were in town for a religious festival – people steeped in tradition and ceremony – to wake up ... He was calling them to self-reflection – to come to themselves – just like the prodigal did ... To realize: “No one's going to rescue you from this culture.” ... “Stop looking to the religious leaders of the day.” ... “Separate yourself from this twisted generation.” ... Why? ... So that they could finally be awakened to the reality – that this whole deal – this life – this purpose – has always been all about God ... And apparently – 3,000 of them heard it ... 3,000 of them got



the message ... 3,000 of them came out of resonance with the world and aligned with the resonance that was proceeding from the apostle.

Now here's the question that matters today ... How about you? ... Have you gotten the message? ... Are you ready to separate from this low-level culture – and arise – awaken – to who you were truly created to be?

### **Closing Prayer**

Father, I thank You for the call that echoes from Peter's voice ... The same call that now stirs within our spirit: Be saved from this perverse generation ... Lord, we confess – we've been shaped by this culture more than we realized ... We've blended in, adjusted, conformed ... But today – by the voice of Your Spirit, we see it ... And we repent ... Awaken us, Holy Spirit ... Shake us loose from the frequencies of fear, doubt, anxiety, compromise, and confusion ... Cut every cord that keeps us tethered to this twisted age ... Let the voice of truth resound within us – calling us higher, - calling us deeper, - calling us back into alignment with the resonance of Your Spirit ... Today, we say yes ... Yes to separation from the systems of man ... Yes to transformation into the image of Christ ... Yes to awakening as citizens of the Kingdom ... We no longer live as mere human beings ... We no longer agree with the noise of this world ... We choose to live as spirit beings – born of God – resonating with truth, filled with power, and aligned with Your frequency ... Seal this word in our hearts ... Let it vibrate within us all week long – reminding us who we are – and Who we belong to ... In the mighty, name of Jesus — Amen.