

# The Presence of God

by Zac Poonen

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*The primary mark of a new-covenant church is the presence of Divine life, demonstrated by conviction of sins and acknowledgment of God's presence.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 16:11, John 16:8, Acts 2:4, 1 Corinthians 14:24, James 4:8

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## Description

Zac Poonen preaches that the primary mark of a new-covenant church is not in its structure or form of meeting, but in the presence of Divine life. Just like a baby in the womb first has life before taking shape, a church must prioritize having God's life within it. The key indicator of a new-covenant church is the tangible presence of God during gatherings, leading to conviction of sins and acknowledgment of His presence among the believers.

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## Transcript

What is the primary mark of a new-covenant church? Many think that it is having a particular pattern of church government and a particular form of meeting. But it is neither of these. The important thing about the church is that it should have Divine life .

When a baby is being formed in its mother's womb, in its early weeks it does not even have the shape (pattern) of a human being. It only has life. The shape (pattern) comes later. It is the same when a new church is being established anywhere. It will take time for the proper pattern to emerge. But meanwhile there must be life.

The primary mark of a new-covenant church is that God is present in its midst. When the church comes together, and everyone prophesies under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, those who come to the meeting should be convicted of their sins and acknowledge that God is present in the meeting (1 Cor.14:24,25). That, and that alone proves that such a church has the right pattern.

If the presence of God is absent, we must confess that we have come short of God's perfect plan - and we must repent.

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