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# The Order of Operation in the Church

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you sons want bread?  
you want a fish? How  
want an egg? May I tell  
ul thing? Even though  
es give you a stone, a  
lace, even though He  
to the cross for cru-  
entification with Christ,  
ou up. What though  
ness experience! What  
the cross and tomb, if  
u and Christ is in you?  
easy process for us to  
med in us. It is pictured  
a woman travailing in  
sorrow bring forth sons.  
n is in travall she has  
en her time comes to be  
rejoices because a man-  
Don't mind the stony  
oss, the tomb, because  
e the glorious day when  
fully formed within you  
nd in His majesty and  
e with Him His throne!

Where two or three are gathered to-  
gether into the power of the name of  
Jesus, with Jesus Christ in the midst,  
there is the Church of Jesus Christ.  
When Jesus in the midst is the Direc-  
tor and Controller of such a body of  
believers, whether large or small in  
number, there is His Church in mani-  
fest operation.

The beginning of operation and ac-  
tivity in such a Body is worship, praise  
and adoration, for where praise and  
worship carry the attention beyond  
self and surroundings to Jesus Christ,  
there the state of rapport obtains and  
lifts into the felt presence Divine,  
bringing one into the heavenlies with  
Christ. This state in its different de-  
grees is "being in the Spirit."

Wherever such order may be mani-  
fest by the Spirit, it will be easy and  
glorious to enter the Spirit realm. This  
is a state of rapture which is likened  
to the transfiguration of Jesus, trans-  
formed while beholding, as in a mirror,  
the glory of the Lord. While thus seat-  
ed in the heavenlies, the heavenly song  
or chorus may burst forth.

The Spirit may engage the people in  
prayer and then every heart may seem  
to melt and flow out to God. An altar  
call may come forth by the Spirit in  
audible words or by an inward move-  
ment that draws sinners and all to  
seek God.

After experiencing such hallowed  
scenes, love of the world, earthly at-  
tachments and tendencies melt away  
and one feels that Heaven is the only  
place to abide. This is in harmony with  
a great Divine purpose of the Church,  
the perfecting of the saints.

For this reason the apostle or other  
minister, who has been sent and used  
to raise up such a Church will be on  
the alert for the discovery of the Spir-

it's move to bring forth evangelists,  
teachers, prophets or others, called to  
the work of perfecting the saints.  
These, the Spirit through the apostle  
or overseer, will move to acknowledge  
and set in their place as such, as func-  
tioning members of the Body.

A body of Christians proceeding to  
services without the direct leading and  
control of the Holy Spirit, can never  
come into the full will of God and His  
order, unless they wait for the moving  
and direction of the Holy Spirit. Just  
here come in the substitutes of men's  
leadership, which open the way to  
apostasy, where most people professing  
to follow God have turned to follow  
men.

It is easier for fallen man and more  
to his nature, to be led by the spirit  
of man, than to wait till God moves,  
but it is most disastrous.

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5:00 P.M. served on the  
offering plan.

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former and the latter  
first month." Joel 2:23.

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