

It's that time of year when we confront our worst fears. **Americans** love to be scared.

Spend over 100 million to watch Horror movies about Paranormal activities, apocalyptic zombie invasion and vampires.

**Spend** over 500 million and wait in long lines to visit **Haunted houses**, haunted forests and corn mazes. **All** these places compete among themselves **to be** the most scariest place to **visit**.

But, there is one place more scarier than Washington. **Only a few** of the bravest souls would dare venture past these doors. Men, the stronger sex among us seem to be more afraid than women and children. Why the mere thought of going here will paralyze many men. They'll make every excuse in the world to avoid this place. I'm talking about the **church**, the scariest place on earth. **My question is:**

## WHAT'S GOT YOU SPOOKED?

**I. IS IT THE HOLY GHOST?** Some don't like to use this term. They prefer Holy Spirit. While technically, the Holy Ghost is a Spirit; and God is a Spirit. But, there's a difference between a spirit and a ghost. Both are spiritual beings. But a ghost is a spirit of a person who once lived among us.

**a. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Christ – The Son of God.** It is the invisible Spirit of God which existed before the creation. But, this same Spirit was in Jesus Christ.

**Col 2:9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

**Col 2:10** And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

**b. He's after your body:** He cuts you with a great big two edge knife and severs the body away from the soul. The Bible says, *We are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.* (Col 2:11). I don't care who you are, that sounds scary. You don't even see the hand that cuts you. You better believe, *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.* (**Heb 10:31**).

Even Jesus said:

**Mat 10:28** **And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

**c. He wants us to be buried with him:**

**Col 2:12** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

**d. He wants to raise your body:**

**Col 2:13** And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

**II. HOW DOES HE GET YOU:** If you come to church, you might be setting there minding your own business. Then suddenly, you feel that hand upon your shoulder. (My Testimony)

a. Then you feel that hand upon your heart: This is conviction of the Holy Ghost.

**Joh 16:8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

**III. IT'S ONCE HE'S GOT YOU** – He puts his spirit in you. And you do strange things.

a. People will think you've gone mad.

**1Co 14:23** If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

**CONCLUSION:** The Holy Ghost is here now.

**Luk 24:36** And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.**

**Luk 24:37** But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

**Luk 24:38** And he said unto them, **Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?**

**Luk 24:39** **Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.**

**Rom 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.