

Filled With The Spirit

ALLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO TAKE CONTROL OF OUR LIVES

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT CONVERSION

He gives us new life - One becomes a Christian through the ministry of the Holy Spirit

John 3:1-8 - ⁵Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

He baptizes us - into the body of Christ

1 Cor. 12:13 - For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

He seals us -

2 Cor. 1:22 - set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come

Eph. 1:13 - And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

He indwells us at all times -

John 14:16-17 - And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—¹⁷the Spirit of truth.

1 Cor. 6:19-20 - ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AFTER CONVERSION

He empowers us

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

He teaches us

John 14:26 - But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach** you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

He helps us

Rom. 8:26 - In the same way, the Spirit **helps** us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

For what purpose does the Holy Spirit do these things?

To spread the Gospel

Acts 4:29 - After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (see also Acts 1:8 above)

WE ARE TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

We are actually commanded to be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 - Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit.**

Though all Christians are **indwelled** by the Holy Spirit, not all Christians are **filled** (directed and empowered) by the Holy Spirit.

What does it mean to be "filled with the Spirit"?

"**Indwelled**" = the Holy Spirit's presence which is a promise (at conversion)

"**Filled**" = the Holy Spirit's control which is a command (daily)

We are to be controlled by the Spirit

Rom. 8:6 - The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace

HOW TO BE FILLED BY THE SPIRIT

Compare Ephesians 5:18-6:9 with Colossians 3:16-4:1

The verses leading into these sections (Eph. 5:18 and Col. 3:16) give us insight into "being filled".

What does it mean to be drunk as in Eph. 5:18?

Being filled with the Spirit means:

- **Being in the Word –**
 Rom. 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
 Col. 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom
 John 15:7 - If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.
- **Surrendering the control of our lives to the Spirit -**
 Rom. 12:1 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.
 1 John 3:24 - Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

HINDERENCES TO THE SPIRIT'S FILLING

We quench the Holy Spirit when we do not do what He tells us to do! (lack of faith)

1 Thess. 5:19 - Do not put out the Spirit's fire

We grieve the Holy Spirit when we do what He tells us not to do! (pride)

Eph. 4:30 - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Basically, the reason most Christians are not filled with the Spirit is that they are unwilling to surrender their wills to God. The reason most don't surrender their wills to God is because they don't have the strength to because they are not in the Word.

Carnal Christians Cannot Experience the Abundant and Fruitful Christian Life

The carnal man trusts in his own efforts to live the Christian life:

1. He is either uninformed about, or has forgotten, God's love & power
 (Rom. 5:8-10; Heb. 10:1-25; 1 Jn. 1; 2:1-3; 2 Pet. 1:9; Acts 1:8).
2. He has an up-and-down spiritual experience.
3. He wants to do what is right, but cannot.
4. He fails to draw upon the power of the Holy Spirit to live.
 (1 Cor. 3:1-3; Rom. 7:15-24; 8:7; Gal. 5:16-18; 2 Tim. 3:1-5)

Ignorance of his spiritual heritage
 Unbelief
 Disobedience
 Loss of love for God and for others
 Poor prayer life
 No desire for Bible study



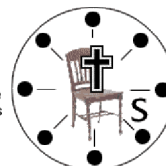
Legalistic attitude
 Impure thoughts
 Jealousy
 Guilt
 Worry
 Discouragement
 Critical spirit
 Frustration
 Aimlessness

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

God Has Provided For Us an Abundant and Fruitful Christian Life

- John 10:10 Jesus said, "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly"
- John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing"
- Gal. 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

Christ-centered
 Empowered by the Holy Spirit
 Introduces others to Christ
 Effective prayer life
 Understands God's Word
 Trusts God
 Obeys God



Love
 Joy
 Peace
 Patience
 Kindness
 Faithfulness
 Goodness