

- 3) Faith – Would God command us to do something then not respond as He says He will? Of course not. If we confess our sins and submit to His Lordship by inviting Him to fill us with His Spirit, we can be confident He will do that. That is called faith.

V. What The Spirit Promises To Do: vs. 19-21

- A. **Worship** – A desire wells up within us to worship God in song
- B. **Joy** – literally, a song in our heart that comes from a deep down confidence in God's goodness
- C. **Gratitude** – the ability to see the gifts of life (both obvious and disguised) as coming from God.
- D. **Humility** – Bowing the knee before Christ leads to a mutual respect and deference for each other. The good of others becomes more important than our own good.

These qualities are evidence of the work of the Spirit in us. They represent the character of Christ and freedom from the flesh.

This filling of the Spirit is designed to be an ongoing experience that the Bible refers to as "walking in the Spirit." Galatians 5:22-23 tells us this results in the increasing presence of the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. In other words, we look and act more and more like Jesus.

- VI. Conclusion:** For us as believers, the worst thing that can happen to us is to be in control of our own lives, living in the flesh. We were called to be filled with the Spirit. It is our calling and our choice. It is really the only way for us to live. Living water filling us up and flowing out of us into the lives of others. John 7:37-39

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Ephesians 5:18-21

I. Introduction:

Maybe your experience in the Christian life is like mine was. If so, I believe it is no accident you are here this morning.

II. Who Is The Holy Spirit? He is God. He is the third person of the Trinity.

- A. He was present at creation and was the active agent at the incarnation of Christ. Genesis 1:2, Luke 1:35
- B. He accomplished your new birth in Christ. John 3:1-8, Titus 3:5
- C. You were baptized by the Holy Spirit at your new birth in Christ. I Corinthians 12:13
- D. He indwells every believer. I Corinthians 6:19
- E. He searches all things, even the depths of God. I Corinthians 2:10-11
- F. He is the Spirit of truth sent by the Father who is the God of all truth. John 14:16-17
- G. He convicts the world of its need for a Savior. John 16:8

III. What Does The Holy Spirit Have To Do With Us? Short version?

Everything! So much so that Jesus told the disciples it was better to have the Holy Spirit on the inside than it was to have Him with them on the outside.

- A. He is the seal and guarantee that our salvation in Christ is secure. Ephesians 1:13-14
- B. He assures us we are sons and daughters of God the Father who is our “Abba Father”. Romans 8:15
- C. He draws us deeper into experiencing the love of God. Ephesians 3:14-21
- D. He empowers us to be a witness for Christ and gives us the ability to do personal ministry by giving us spiritual gifts. Acts 1:8, I Corinthians 12:4-11.
- E. He prays for us with passion when we don’t know how to pray. Romans 8:26
- F. He is our “Helper”. The one who comes alongside to strengthen and comfort us in our need. John 14:16
- G. He guides us into all truth. John 16:13

With this list we begin to see what Jesus meant. The Holy Spirit is the One who produces spiritual growth within us and gives us power for ministry. For this reason we are commanded to be filled with the Spirit.

IV. How We Are Filled With The Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:18

- A. Key Word: be filled (plēroō). Used 3 ways in the greek language
 - To fill up – like a sail fills with wind providing power and direction
 - To permeate – like salt that flavors, enriches, preserves from corruption
 - To be controlled – a willing submission resulting in obedience

In addition to this “be filled” is written in the following tense:

Present – an ongoing continuous action

Passive – something done for you

Imperative – a command that demands a response

B. How Do We Apply This?

We need to be filled with the Spirit continually. Only He can do it to us. So we submit to Him by inviting Him to fill us. This results in being under His control and direction which leads to increasing obedience and power to live the Christian life.

*Note the exhortation “do not get drunk with wine for that is dissipation” When a person gets drunk he make a choice to be filled with alcohol. The results are unavoidable. He acts like a drunk person. In the same way we make a choice to be filled with the Spirit and the results are unavoidable. We act like a Spirit filled person. How do we make this choice? 3 ways:

- 1) Confession: I John 1:9 As the Spirit guides us in all truth He reveals sin to us. We respond by agreeing with God about the sin. This leads to a desire to change which is repentance. Confession is not about begging for forgiveness; it is about experiencing the reality of the gracious provision Christ made for us at the cross.
- 2) Lordship: Romans 12:1-2 When we ask God to fill us we are responding to His command, inviting Him to work His will in our lives, not our own. This is called Lordship.