

Spirit Filled

We continue our study asking; what would it look like, what would change if we were full of the Spirit and the Word...Full of Jesus?

Today we start to look at the Holy Spirit's work in our life. The Holy Spirit is one of the greatest gifts we've been given. We need him in our walk every day let alone to minister to others, without him it becomes a man-made enterprise.

In John 14:8, Jesus said: *"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you"*. As Jesus talked about the coming of the Holy Spirit we see some very compassionate words he speaks to us. Jesus tells us that he's not leaving us alone with any help like orphans.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." **(John 14:16-17)**

Notice that Jesus said that he would send *"another"* Comforter or Counselor. This is an interesting Greek word that Jesus uses, it actually carries with it two words. First it means *"in kind"* but also *"the exact kind"* (exactly the same). Jesus is saying the Holy Spirit will not be kind of like me but will be me, God, I will be with you and in you.

So the question is not *what* is the Holy Spirit but *who* is the Holy Spirit? He is someone you can be in relationship with:

The Holy Spirit: speaks, He acts, He leads, He calls, He guides, He forbids, He knows, He teaches, He decides, and He grieves.

"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." **(John 16:7)**

Four Things we need the Holy Spirit to do in us

- Melt me

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“When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.” (John 16:8)

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Matthew 3:11)

“These (trials) have come so that your faith-of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” (1 Peter 1:7)

“Do not quench the Spirit (put out the Spirit’s fire).” (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

- **Mold me**

We are inviting the Holy Spirit to make and shape us into the image of Jesus. This is not a set of rules and regulations on the contrary it is a work of the Holy Spirit molding us into his likeness.

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.” (Romans 8:29)

“And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate (behold) the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (2 Corinthians 3:18)

- **Fill me**

We are inviting God to fill us with his Holy Spirit. We need to ask ourselves

“What is obvious about you”?

“What characterizes your life”?

A “Spirit filled Christian” is full of his life, peace and grace. All the different parts of us (our financial, spouse, parent, workplace, sexual self etc.) is surrendered to the Holy Spirit totally emptied of self, filling every part of our lives.

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit...” (Ephesians 5:18)

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- **Use me**

“Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”
(John 20:21-22)

Here’s the mission, but wait for the power.

“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.”
(Acts 1:8)

Repent and Receive Salvation – Be Converted

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”
(Acts 2:38–39)

Ask Jesus to baptize you In the Holy Spirit

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” **(Luke 11:11–13)**

Discussion Questions

- 1) For many of us the Holy Spirit may have been or is still a mystery. During the time before and since you’ve committed your life to Christ what has been and is your view on the Holy Spirit? Also refer back to your notes on page 1 and discuss Jesus promise to send us **“another”** Counselor or Comforter.
- 2) Again looking at page 1, what are some of the things that the Holy Spirit does for us in our lives. Also please share some examples from your lives of these things.
- 3) Randy taught us that we need the Holy Spirit and we need him to work these four things in our lives, please discuss each:
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- b) Mold me
- c) Fill me
- d) Use me

- 4) Referring to page 3 of our notes, what does a “Spirit Filled Life” mean to you? Also what does this quote mean to you: *“The filling of the Spirit does not mean the believer gets more of the Holy Spirit but rather the Holy Spirit gets more of the believer”?*