

Series: *The Holy Spirit and You*, part 3

Message Summary: Today we are going to talk about the filling for the Holy Spirit. If you struggle letting the Holy Spirit completely control you, I understand the tension. BUT here is what I learned. Too many believers in Jesus have material wealth yet they are internally bankrupt because they've never learned how to let the Holy Spirit guide and empower their lives. Giving the Holy Spirit control leads to Freedom. More freedom than I could ever create on my own. If I can let go of my greatest fear of being controlled by something, I can experience my greatest desire. FREEDOM. You can too!

Personal Fullness of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit's Filling is Essential.

A. The filling of the Holy Spirit is a command. Ephesians 5:18

B. Indwelling is different than filling. Galatians 5:16;25

2. What is the Filling of the Holy Spirit?

3. How are we filled with the Holy Spirit?

A. A right heart.

B. A desire that seeks.

C. A surrendered life.

D. A belief.

E. Reasons why some struggle believing.

4. The filling of the Spirit can be lost.

A. The Reason - obey/disobey

B. The Cause - sin

C. The Remedy - confess

5. What are the Results of the Holy Spirit's Filling?

- A. **A rich and satisfying life.** John 10:10
- B. **Lives that look like Jesus.** Galatians 5:16
- C. **Spiritual power.** Acts 1:8
- D. **Thankfulness and Praise.** Ephesians 5:18-20
- E. **Contentment.** John 4:14

Group QUESTIONS: *LifeGroup on Spring Break until April 8th*

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Read the following questions about Sunday's sermon and allow the group to share their notes and comments:

1. Discuss why the filling of the Holy Spirit is so essential. What is the difference between the indwelling of the Spirit and the filling?
2. How was the filling of the Holy Spirit described? Do we possess more of the Spirit or does He possess more of us?
3. How is the follower of Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit? What are the choices we must make?
4. Discuss how the filling of the Spirit can be lost. How does this happen and what are we to do?
5. What are the results in our lives when we are filled with the Spirit? What are the benefits?

APPLY IT- (15min) What are changes you can make so you are filled with the Holy Spirit more consistently?