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As a follower of Jesus Christ, you have begun an exciting adventure with Him! He has given you eternal life and the promise of an abundant life. (John 10:10b) But this life is SUPERNATURAL. It is not only difficult but impossible to live in your own power! You can only live it by depending on the Holy Spirit who indwells you. When He controls you, He will fill you with joy and enable you to persevere in faith through the challenges and trials which you will encounter as you follow Jesus. He gives you the power for living a life that honors God and counts for eternity.

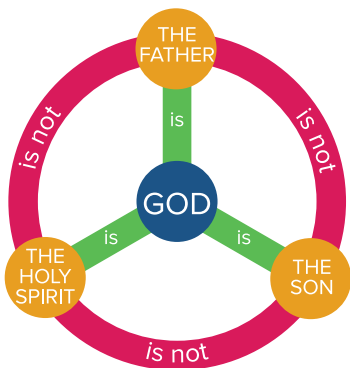
Jesus said, "...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses..."

Acts 1:8

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God. There is only one God, but He exists in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is called the Trinity or Tri-unity.

God is a Tri-unity



- The Father is God but He is not the Son.
- The Son is God but He is not the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit is God but He is not the Father

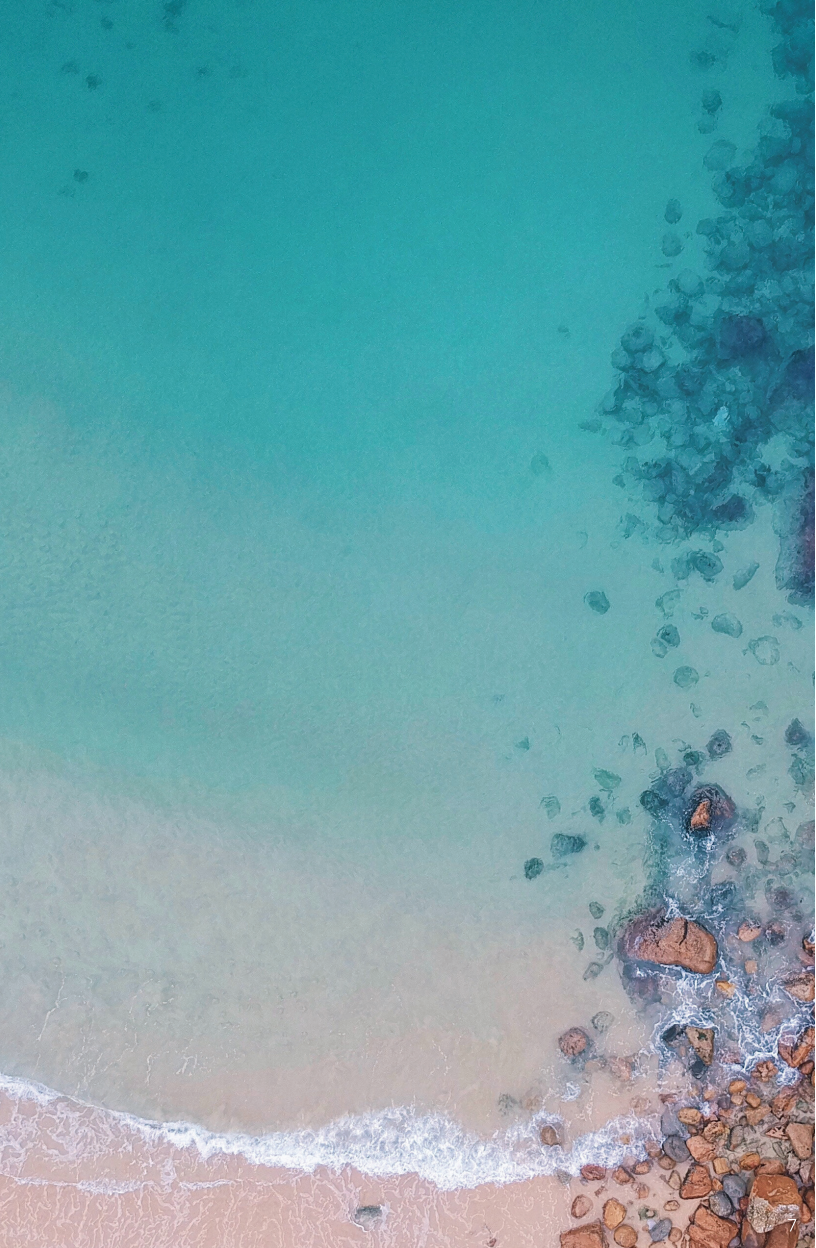
Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14

When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

We receive the Holy Spirit when we trust in Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Savior.

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14



The Holy Spirit is the source of the abundant and fruitful Christian life. Although the Holy Spirit indwells us permanently, not all Christians are filled with the Holy Spirit.

God commands us to be continually filled (controlled) with the Holy Spirit.

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit Jesus Christ lives His life in and through us.

What does the Holy Spirit do for us?

- **He helps us and indwells us permanently**

John 14:16-17

- **He help us grow in Christlikeness**

Galatians 5:22-23

- **He empowers us**

Acts 1:8

- **He gives us power over sin**

Galatians 5:16

- **He helps us to pray according to God's Will**

Romans 8:26-27

- **He gives us insight into God's Word**

John 14:26

Why are we not continually filled with the Spirit?

- **Ignorance** on how to be filled
- **Unbelief** in God
- **Disobedience** to God
- **Unconfessed** sin
- **Unresolved conflict** and unforgiveness
- **Pride** - self-sufficiency and prayerlessness
- **Spiritual warfare** - blinded by Satan



The Bible describes 3 types of people:

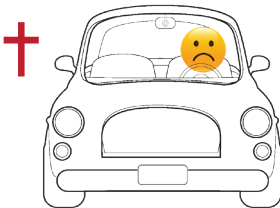
1. The Natural Man

Has not received Christ

But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

1 Corinthians 2:14

Self-Directed



- JESUS CHRIST is outside their life
- SELF is in control of the life
- Spiritually blind
- Empty inside
- Does not have eternal life

2. Holy Spirit-Filled Christian

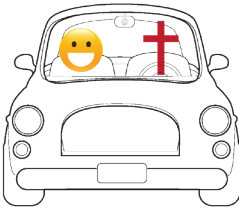
Living in the power of the Holy Spirit

And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:52

Spirit-Directed

Normal Christian Life



- Jesus Christ is in their life as Savior and Lord
- HOLY SPIRIT is inside and controls and empower
- SELF is surrendered to Christ
- Follows and obeys Christ
- Overcomes temptation
- Witnesses for Jesus
- Is prayerful
- Has Christ-like character and the fruit of the Holy Spirit:

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control...

Galatians 5:22-23

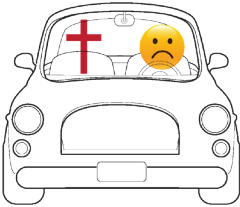
3. The Carnal Christian:

Living in the power of the flesh

¹And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, ³for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

SELF-Directed Abnormal Christian Life



- Jesus Christ is in their life but the Holy Spirit is not in control
- SELF is in control of the life
- Disobedient to God
- Frustrated, no real joy or peace
- Defeated, powerless and fruitless

¹⁹Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21

Warning:

A person who claims to be a Christian but keeps on sinning as a lifestyle, may not be a true Christian

How to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit

- **Desire to please the Lord**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Matthew 5:6

- **Obey God's command**

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled (continually) with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18

- **Surrender your life to Jesus (THE EXCHANGED LIFE)**

Only Jesus can live the Christian life in and through us.

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Galatians 2:20

- **Confess and repent of every known sin that the Holy Spirit brings to your remembrance. Thank Him for forgiving you.**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

- **Ask the Holy Spirit to take control of your life and by faith claim His promise to answer you**

¹⁴This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

1 John 5:14-15

- **Obey Jesus moment by moment**

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

James 1:22

Pray:

“Dear Father, I confess that I have been in control of my own life. I recognize that I am a sinner and I humbly repent from my sins of _____

Thank you for forgiving me for all my sins. I desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Please fill me now with the Holy Spirit as You commanded me to be filled. I claim Your promise that You will answer me when I ask anything according to Your will. I surrender the control of my whole life to You. By the power of the Holy Spirit I will follow you and live to please you and tell others about you. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”

Now that you have asked the Holy Spirit to fill and control you by faith, He will:

- Enable you to obey Jesus moment by moment- to walk in victory daily.
Galatians 5:24-25
- Give you power over sin.
Galatians 5:16
- Produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life.
Galatians 5:22-23
- Help you grow in Christlikeness.
2 Corinthians 3:17-18
- Empower you to witness to others about Jesus.
Acts 1:8
- Motivate and help you to read and understand God's word, the Bible.
John 16:13
- Help you pray according to God's will.
Romans 8:26-27
- Guide you.
Romans 8:14

How to continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit moment by moment

When you are tempted to sin Say “**No!**” to sin and self and say “**Yes!**” to Jesus

- **Deny yourself**

And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny himself**, and take up his cross **daily** and follow Me.

Luke 9:23

- **Depend on** the power of the Holy Spirit.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

When you are tempted to sin in attitude or action, here are practical steps to keep walking in the Spirit

PRACTICE P-R-A-Y

P – **Pause** and take a deep breath.

R – **RESIST** your first reaction or impulse. It is usually sinful or hurtful. Don't say or do what you feel like. Deny yourself.

A – **ASK** the Holy Spirit what to say and what to do.

Y – **YIELD** to the Holy Spirit's control and then **RESPOND** in obedience to Christ and His Word.

If you sin and take control of your life, how are you filled with the Holy Spirit again?

- **Immediately repent and confess your sin to God** (don't remain in your sin)
- **Claim** God's forgiveness
- **Surrender** to Christ again
- Ask the Holy Spirit to **fill and empower you**
- **By faith** live in the power of the Spirit **moment by moment**

Note:

If you sinned against another person, you also need to go to that person, humbly ask for forgiveness, seek reconciliation and make amends.

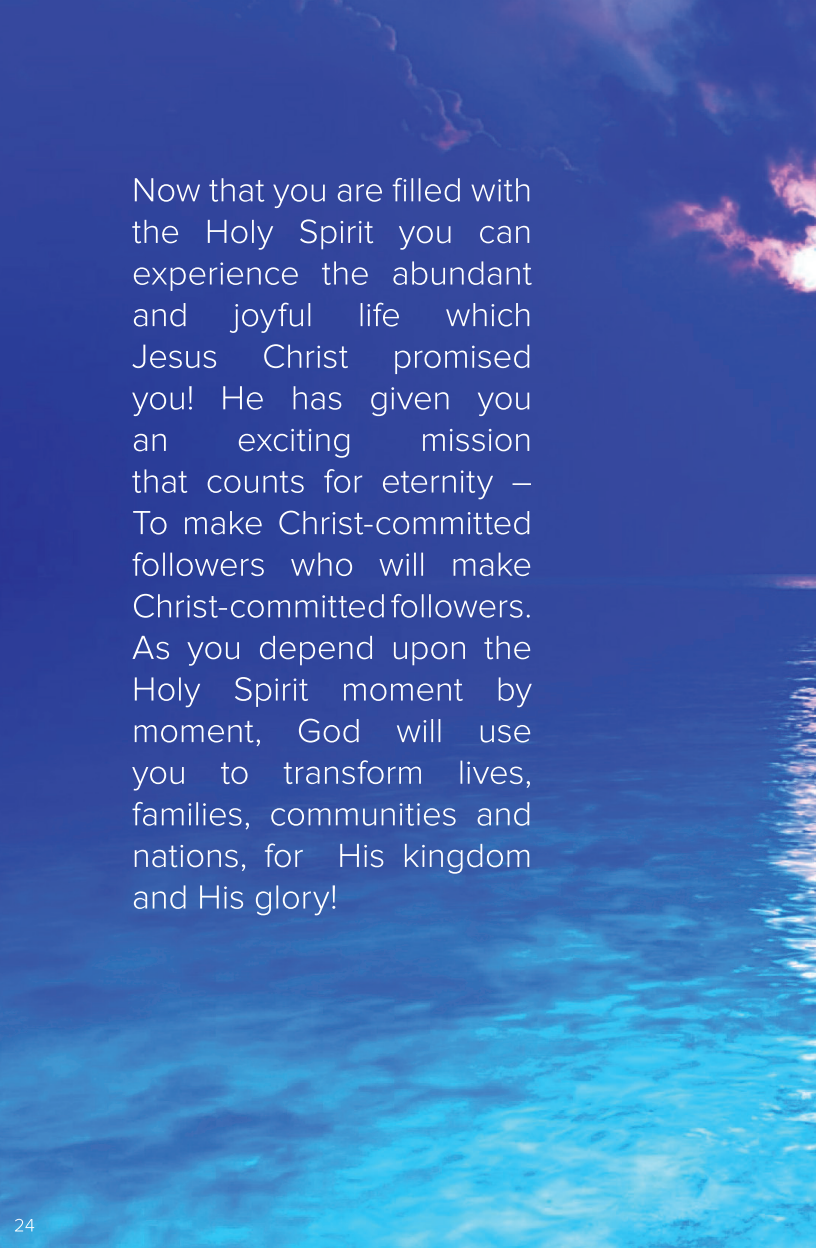


Let this be our firm conviction

NO LONGER I BUT CHRIST

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Now that you are filled with the Holy Spirit you can experience the abundant and joyful life which Jesus Christ promised you! He has given you an exciting mission that counts for eternity – To make Christ-committed followers who will make Christ-committed followers. As you depend upon the Holy Spirit moment by moment, God will use you to transform lives, families, communities and nations, for His kingdom and His glory!

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ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God and possesses all the Divine attributes. He indwells all believers, baptizes and seals all believers at the moment they trust in Jesus Christ to be their only Savior and Lord. He controls and empowers all true believers to live the Christian life in response to their obedience, confession of sin, and yieldness to Him.

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