

## Spiritual Growth Questions for February 5th, 2023

## Holy Spirit Life (Part Two)

### Opening Questions:

- A) What sermon points stood out to you today?
  
- B) In the sermon, Pastor Paul challenged two common statements regarding the Holy Spirit: That Christians are automatically filled, and that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to obey God. Did his arguments against these statements make sense, or do you see another view?
  
- C) Was Pastor Paul's interpretation of Ephesians 5 new to you? What are the ramifications for you as a disciple? What are the ramifications for Christian community?

### For Deeper Study:

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.** The Apostle Paul used the history of Israel as a warning for believers in his day. Pastor Paul interpreted this *against* the idea of the Holy Spirit causing us to obey God. Do you agree or disagree, and why?
  
2. **Read Romans 7:14-25:** In this famous passage from the Apostle Paul, he describes his dilemma of wanting to obey but often failing to do so. How does this passage support or contradict the points made in today's sermon?
  
3. **Read Romans 8:1-15:** In light of the sermon, how does this passage strike you? How do you see the Trinity in this passage?

**Prayer:** Lord, please help me to grow in my walk with Your Holy Spirit. Open my eyes to the ways I can be in closer harmony with Your work in me and the world. Teach me to walk in Your paths according to the ways of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### The Ways and The Means February 5th, 2023, Pastor Paul Sellman

*As we begin the New Year, it seems appropriate to focus upon the new life that we are promised through and in Jesus Christ. To do this, we are conducting a two-part study about living in the Holy Spirit. Last week's message was "The Call and The Duty." Today's message is "The Ways and The Means."*

#### A) INTRODUCTION

#### B) THE DEFINITIVE VERSES

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

If we live by the Spirit, let's keep in step with the Spirit as well. Galatians 5:25

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30 (Isaiah 63:10)

Do not quench the Spirit, 1 Thessalonians 5:19

Be in the process of being filled with the Holy Spirit... Ephesians 5:18

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**C) RAMIFICATIONS OF THESE VERSES**

1. They contradict the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ being filled by the Spirit.

2. They contradict the idea that the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. They imply we need to \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit life.

4. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of obeying the Holy Spirit.

5. In these verses, we see both God's \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.

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**D) Ephesians 5:18-21: The Three Keys**

And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father; <sup>21</sup> and subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.

The Three Components

- > Praise & Worship
- > Gratitude to God
- > Humility & Submission

Christian fellowship is \_\_\_\_\_ for the believer wanting to be filled with the H.S.

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**E) CONCLUSION**

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