

Note: These are notes are from a College Bible Study back in 1996.

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

A. He is a Person

1. The Holy Spirit is spoken of as “He” (John 14:16)
2. The Holy Spirit has intelligence (1 Cor 2:10-11)
3. The Holy Spirit makes decisions (1 Cor 12:11)
4. The Holy Spirit has emotions (Rom 15:30; Eph 4:30)
5. The Holy Spirit is active (John 14:26; Acts 1:8; 20:28; Rom 8:14, 26; Rev 2:7)

B. He is God

1. He is equal with the Father and Son (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14)
2. The Apostle Peter said that the Holy Spirit was God (Acts 5:3-4)
3. The Holy Spirit is called “Lord” (2 Cor 3:17-18)
4. He possesses qualities that belong only to God (Luke 1:35-37; 1 Cor 2:10-12; Heb 9:14)

2. What is the Holy Spirit’s Purpose(s)?

A. To glorify Christ (John 16:13-14)

1. To extend guidance (John 16:13; 2 Pet 1:21)
2. To supply remembrance (John 14:26)
3. To grant peace (John 14:27)

3. What is the Filling of the Holy Spirit?

Definition: The filling of the Spirit is the intoxicating influence (control) the Holy Spirit exercises over us when *we yield* ourselves to Him (Eph 5:18)

A person who is drunk with wine:

- walks differently
- talk differently
- acts differently
- thinks differently
- feels differently

A person who is filled with the Spirit:

- walks differently
- talks differently
- acts differently
- thinks differently
- feels differently

A. Four Observations about the Holy Spirit’s filling (Eph 5:18; “be filled” = *pleroo*):

1. The filling of the Holy Spirit is a command (Imperative).
2. The filling of the Holy Spirit is for every believer (Plural number).
3. The filling of the Holy Spirit is something that God does (Passive voice).
4. The filling of the Holy Spirit must be maintained (Present tense).

B. Four Ways we can get filled (making worship a lifestyle):

1. We must communicate with one another (5:19a).
2. We must communicate with the Lord (5:19b).
3. We are to give thanks for everything in Jesus’ name (5:20).
4. We must be subject to one another (5:21).

4. What are the Benefits of Being Filled?

- A. We have supernatural control (Luke 4:28-30; Acts 13:45; 2:13).
- B. We have supernatural power (Acts 1:8).

5. How can I know that Holy Spirit fills me?

- A. Am I following the words of Eph 5:19-21 (fellowship, praise, gratitude, submission)?
- B. Does my life manifest the Fruit of Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)?
- C. Do I rely/depend upon the Holy Spirit's power (Rom 12:1-2; Gal 5:16, 18, 25)?
- D. Is there a continual awareness of the Spirit's presence in my life (1 Cor 6:19-20)?
- E. Am I in the Word (Eph 5:17; Col 3:16; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:21)?
- F. Am I a man/woman of prayer (1 Thess 5:17)?
- G. Am I diligently striving to overcome my flesh (Rom 6:1-2; Eph 4:22; 1 John 1:9)?
- H. Am I longing to know Jesus Christ better so that I may be more like Him (Phil 3:10-14)?
- I. Am I living in anticipation of the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10)?