

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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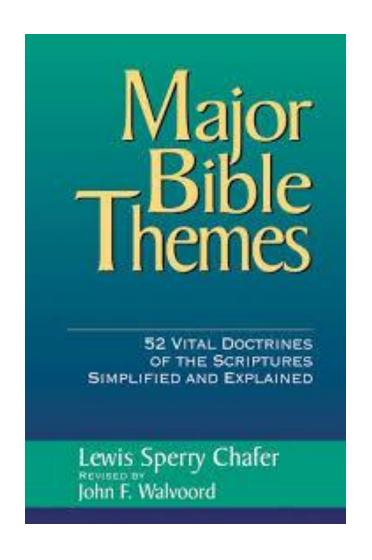
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# Chapter Nineteen: God the Holy Spirit: His Filling

## Step # One Chapter Nineteen : God the Holy Spirit: His Filling

### **Find the Outline**





### MBT Chapter Nineteen: God the Holy Spirit: His Filling

A. Filling of the Holy Spirit **Defined** 

B. Conditions for the filling of the Holy Spirit

C. **Results** of the filling of the Spirit



### **MBT Chapter Nineteen Outline**

A. Filling of the Holy Spirit Defined

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B. Conditions for the filling of the Holy Spirit

Three simple commands have often been pointed out as being the conditions for being filled with the Spirit. In 1 Thessalonians 5:19 the command is given, "Quench not the spirit." In Ephesians 4:30 Christians are instructed, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." A third, more positive instruction is given in Galatians 5:16: "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Although other passages cast light upon these basic conditions for being filled with the Spirit, these three passages sum up the main idea.



### **MBT Chapter Nineteen Outline**

- C. Results of the filling of the Spirit
- 1. A Christian walking in the power of the Spirit experiences a progressive sanctification, a holiness of life which manifests the **fruit of the Spirit**
- 2. One of the important ministries of the Spirit is that of teaching the believer spiritual truth
- 3. The Holy Spirit is able to guide a Christian and **apply the general truths** of the Word of God to the particular situation of the Christian.
  - 4. **Assurance of salvation** is another important result of communion with the Spirit

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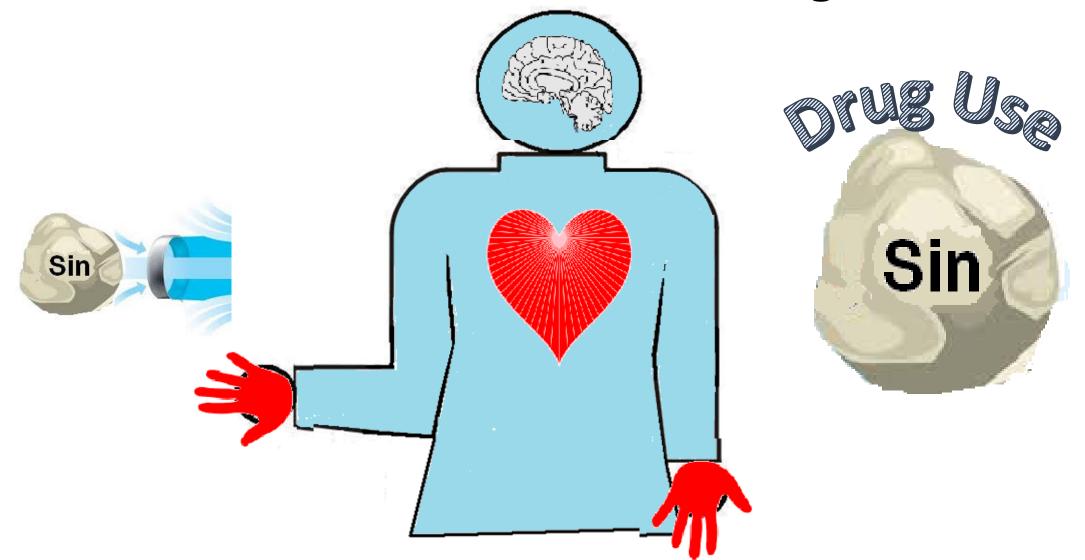
- 5. All **worship** and love of God are possible only as one is really walking by the Spirit
- 6. One of the most important aspects of a believer's life is his **prayer fellowship** with the Lord
- 7. The whole life of a believer's service and the exercise of his natural and **spiritual gifts** are dependent upon the power of the Spirit

## We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit



Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit

### Life is a Vacuum-something is going to fill it!



Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy...

### What is it to be filled with the Spirit?

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Head

**Heart** 

**Hands** 



Being filled with the Spirit is allowing the Holy Spirit to take control of the steering wheel of your life

### First condition of being filled...





### Holy Spirit Leading Check List

How is He leading in the Word?

How is He leading in Prayer?

How is He leading in people?

How is He leading in your conscience?

How is He leading in your circumstances?

How is He leading in your spirit?

## After going through the check list do you have peace?

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule (umpire) in

your hearts...



**Isaiah 26:3** Thou wilt keep *him* in **perfect peace**, whose **mind** is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

# To find the Spirit's leading through these 6 ways we must Sow to the Spirit...



**Galatians 6:8** For he that **sows to his flesh** (Old Man shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that **sows to the Spirit** shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

### Sowing to the Spirit is...



Planting seeds through which the Holy Spirit leads

Seeds of Action through which the Holy Spirit Works

**Seeds of Prayer** 

**Seeds of Bible Study** 

Seeds of being around God's People



Seeds of Awareness through which the Holy Spirit Works



Eph 5:14 Wherefore he says, Awake thou that sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

### Seeds of Awareness of the Spirit's promptings through the Conscious



Seeds of Awareness of the Spirit's promptings through the human spirit



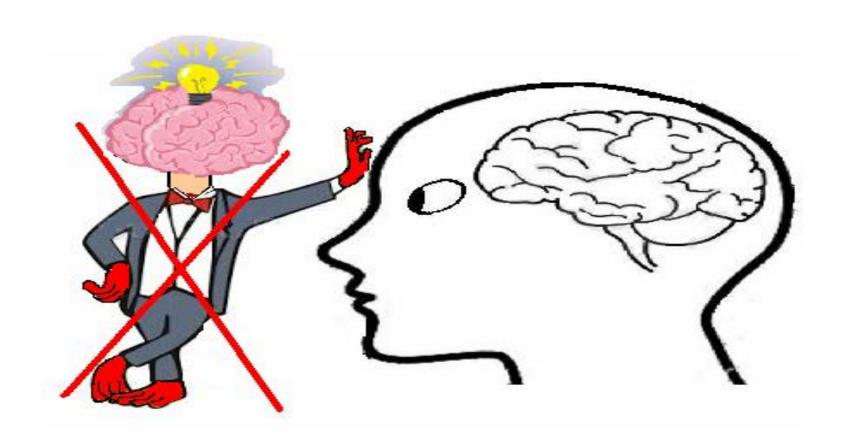
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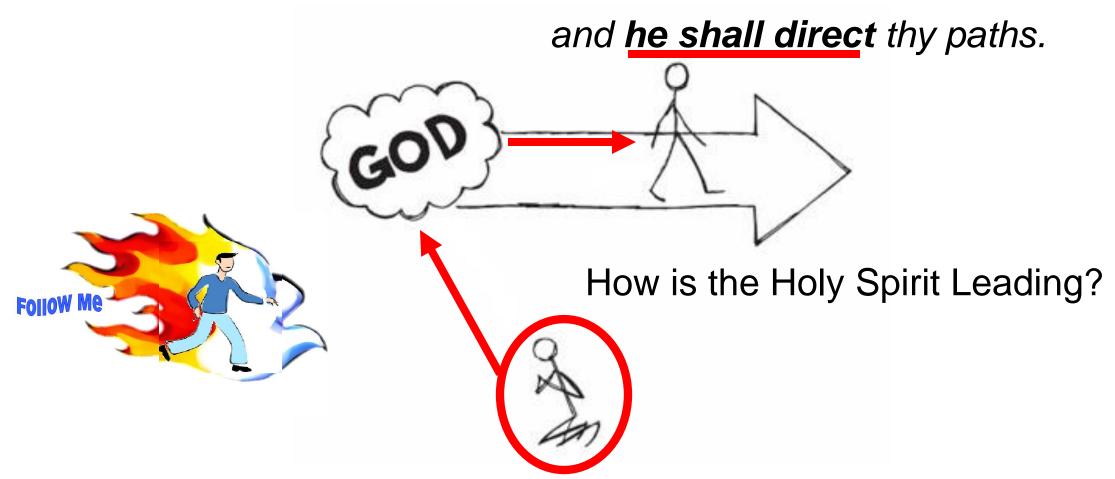
### Walking in the Spirit is about faith-

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart;

and lean not unto your own understanding.



### Proverbs 3:6 This is how we are to understand



In all thy ways acknowledge him (Look to Him),

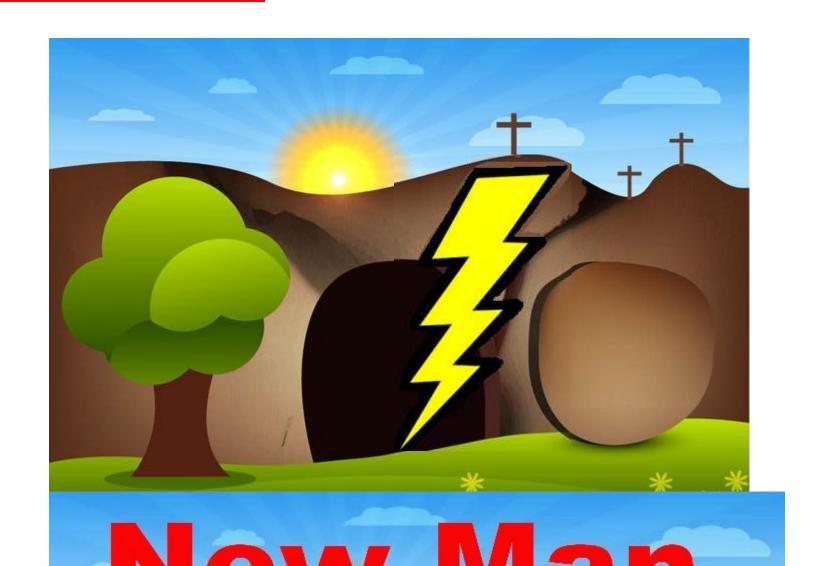
That is walking in the Spirit

When we walk in the Spirit we are empowered by the Spirit...

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me



Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection...



## How does the Holy Spirit empower us? He strengthens the New Man's Desires

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;



The strengthened desires of the New Man overcomes the desires of the Old Man....

We crucify the Old Man's desires By having a greater desire for God



Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the Beeticals Ford delight in the law of God after the inward man:

### Those strengthened desires bring resurrection power ....



#### To witness

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses...

#### To do good

Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

#### To have faith

Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

To have a good testimony

Th 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

## Second Condition for being filled Don't Quench the Spirit

1Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.



- 1. We quench by not following His leading...
- 2. We quench by not suppressing godly desires...

### The Holy Spirit is leading:



But we quench Him by not being **conscious** as we read that the Holy Spirit is talking with us

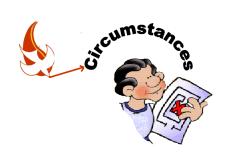


But we quench Him by not being *conscious* that the feelings and thoughts we get can be the Holy Spirit's leading



But we quench Him by not being *conscious* that He is leading through our conscience and we ignore His conviction

### The Holy Spirit is leading:



But we quench Him by not being conscious that He is leading and fail to interpret the circumstances He has given to direct our life



But we quench Him by not being conscious that He is trying to speak to us through people

But we quench Him by not being conscious that He is trying to speak to us

### 2. We quench by suppressing godly desires...



### Don't Grieve the Spirit





**Eph 4:28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needs...

**Eph 4:30** And **grieve not the Holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption

### The Result of being filled with the Spirit is...



**Fruit Bearing** 



## The Holy Spirit leads us to **do** things that produces fruit...





Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that wins souls is wise.



#### **Praise**

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the **fruit of our lips** giving thanks to his name.

#### **Fruit of Holiness**

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

### Holiness is Sanctification The fruit of Holiness is a life...



Not only does He lead us to **Do** things that produces fruit but to **Be** that which produces fruit

In other words He also leads us to do with character



Fruit of the Spirit (Character)

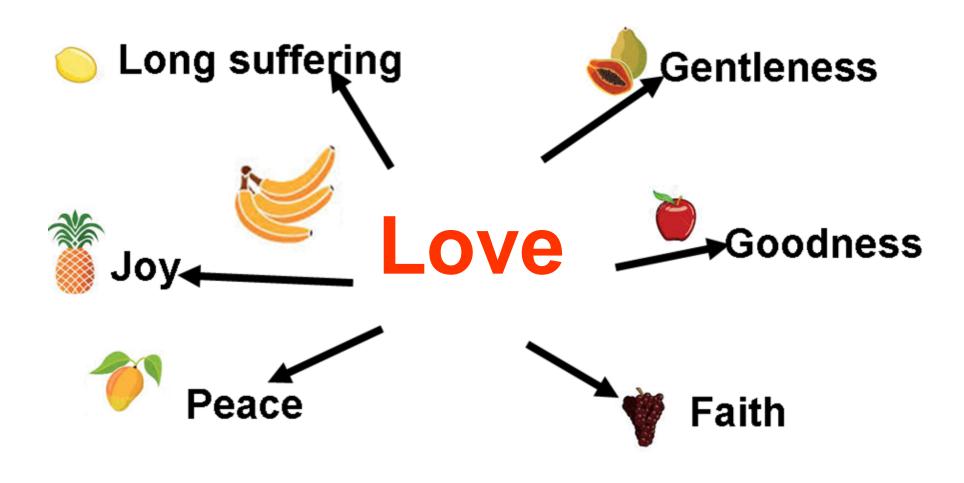
Gal 5:22-23 But the <u>fruit of the Spirit</u> is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

It is one fruit because it comes from One Spirit...



It is one fruit because walking in the Spirit produces all of these...

# It is one fruit because all of the other fruit is bound together by one fruit...



**Assurance of Salvation** 

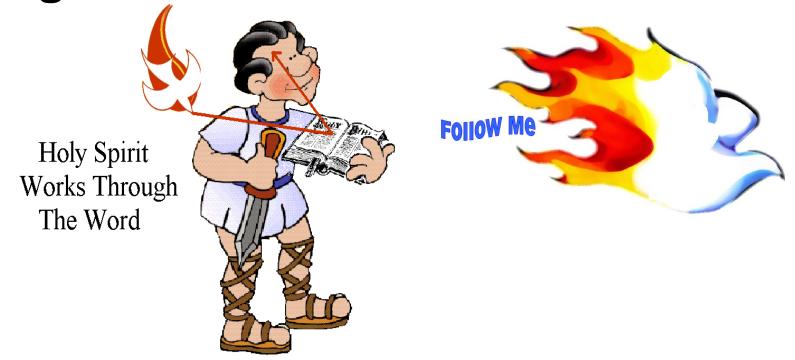
It is His Spirit...



With our spirit...

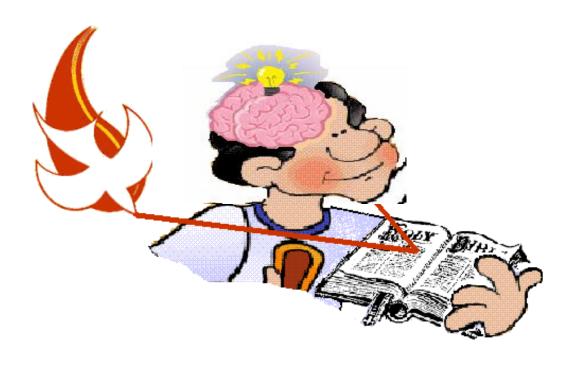
Rom 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God

Knowledge of the truth



**John 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, **he shall teach** you all things, and **bring all things to your remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you.

#### The application of truth



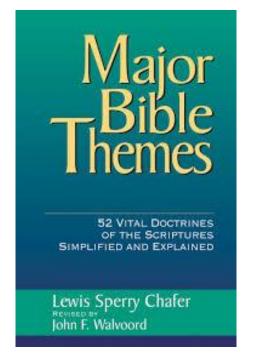
John12:16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him...

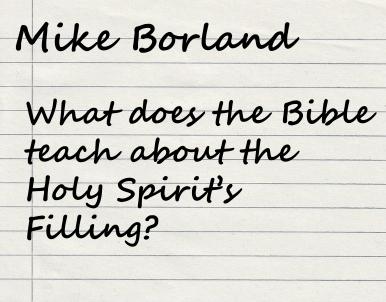
#### Worship



John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit (spirit) and in truth.

# The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet







Chapter 19:
God the Holy SpiritHis Filling

Using Major Bible Themes write a study explaining the Filling of the Holy Spirit

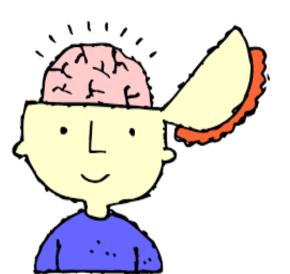
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#### God the Holy Spirit: His Filling

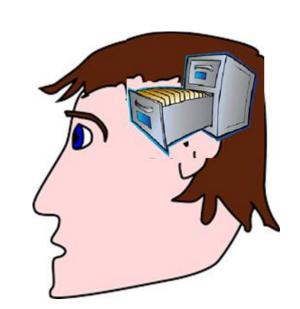


B. Conditions for the filling of the Holy Spirit





Memorize it

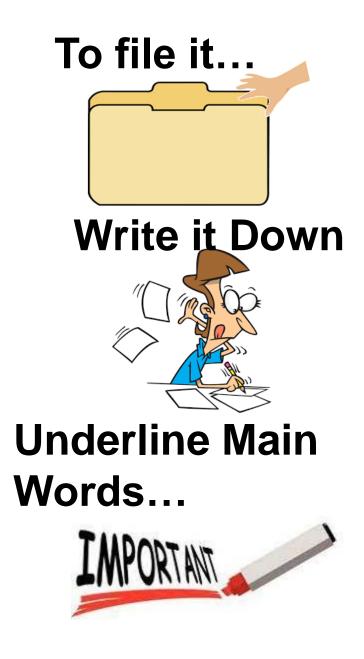


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## Step # Two

#### Read the Section and look up the passages



- MBT Chapter Nineteen: God the Holy Spirit: His Filling
  On a limited scale, the filling of the Spirit may be observed in
  certain individuals before Pentecost
- **Exo 28:3** And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have **filled with the spirit of wisdom**, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him...
- Exo 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,
- **Luk 1:15** For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be **filled with the Holy Ghost**, even from his mother's womb.
- Luk 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,
- Luk 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

- In the New Testament everyone could be filled who met the conditions
- Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
- **Act 6:3** Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, **full of the Holy Ghost** and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.
- **Act 9:17** And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou came, hath sent me, that thou might receive thy sight, and be **filled with the Holy Ghost**.

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Being filled with the Spirit should be contrasted with spiritual maturity

**1Pe 2:2** As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may **grow** thereby:

**2Pe 3:18** But **grow in grace**, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Eph 4:11-15 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

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An illustration of filling is the experience of Paul

Act 16:6-10 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Christ the supreme illustration of what it means to be filled

**Luke 4:1** And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

- B. Conditions for the filling of the Holy Spirit
  - 1. The command to "Quench not the Spirit,"
  - 1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

(Opposite- present your bodies)

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

(Filling may be affected by physical conditions)

**2Co 1:8** For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were **pressed out of measure**, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

- 2. In connection with the filling of the Spirit, a believer is also exhorted to "grieve not the Spirit"
  - **Eph 4:30** And **grieve not** the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

(Remedy for grieving- confess)

1 Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Warning about grieving)

- **Heb 12:6** For whom the Lord loveth he **chastens**, and scourges every son whom he receives.
- **Heb 12:15** Looking diligently lest any man **fail of the grace of God**; lest any **root of bitterness** springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

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- 3. Walking by the Spirit is a positive command, in contrast to the previous commands which are negative.
- **Gal 5:16** This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

(The high standards for the believer impossible without the Spirit)

- Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- **2Co 10:5** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**;

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**1Th 5:15-22** See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

The standards are made more difficult because of life in a sinful world and the influence of the Old Man

**Joh 17:15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest **keep them from the evil**.

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**Gal 5:17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so **that ye cannot do the things that ye would.** 

Rom 7:15-17 For that which I do I would not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Mat 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

- C. Results of the filling of the Spirit
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- **Gen 24:27** And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, **the LORD led me** to the house of my master's brethren.

Luke 12:12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

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- 6. Help in prayer

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the **Spirit itself makes** intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

7. Power to exercise gifts

Joh 7:38-39 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

# Step # Three Memorize one Passage per section



Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning

Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



# Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter Chapter 19: God the Holy Spirit: His Filling

1. How would you contrast the filling of the Spirit with the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation?

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3. Was the filling of the Spirit open to any and all yielded to God before Pentecost?

The instances listed are still on the Old Testament pattern in which the filling of the Spirit is a sovereign work of God not available to every individual.

4. How did the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost change the possibility of being filled by the Spirit?

Beginning with the day of Pentecost, however, the entire company was filled with the Spirit. In the early church, the Spirit of God repeatedly filled those who sought to do the will of God, as in the case of Peter.

5. Define the filling of the Spirit.

The filling of the Spirit may be defined as a spiritual state where **the Holy**Spirit is fulfilling all that He came to do in the heart and life of the individual believer. It is not a matter of acquiring more of the Spirit, but rather of the Spirit of God acquiring all of the individual.

6. Contrast being filled with the Spirit with spiritual maturity.

Filling is the Spirit taking over our life. Spiritual maturity is growing deeper in our relationship to the Lord.

7. Can any Christian be filled with the Spirit?

It should be the norm of the Christian's life

- 8. What is the relationship between filling of the Spirit and spiritual maturity?
- As we grow in spiritual maturity the Spirit leads us into deeper depths of His leading

The state of being filled with the Spirit should be contrasted with spiritual maturity. A young Christian who has just been saved may be filled with the Spirit and manifest the power of the Holy Spirit in his life. Maturity, however, comes only through spiritual experiences which may extend over a lifetime and involve a growth in knowledge, a continued experience of being filled with the Spirit, and a maturity in judgment in spiritual things. Just as a newborn babe may be perfectly heathy, so a new Christian may be filled with the Spirit, but like a newborn babe only life and experience can bring out the full spiritual qualities which belong to maturity.

9. In what sense are there degrees of manifestation of the filling of the Spirit?

There is an observable difference in the character and quality of the daily life of Christians. Few can be characterized as being full of the Spirit. This lack, however, is not due to failure on the part of God to make provision, but rather failure on the part of the individual to appropriate and permit the Spirit of God to fill his life.

IO. What outstanding illustrations of being filled with the Spirit are found in the Book of Acts?

It is preeminently illustrated in Jesus Christ who was continually "full of the Holy Ghost." John the Baptist had the unusual experience of being filled with the Spirit from his mother's womb and both his mother Elizabeth and his father Zacharias were temporarily filled with the Spirit

11. What is the significance of the comparison of being filled with wine and being filled with the Spirit?

It is compared in the text to a state of intoxication in which wine affects the entire body, including both the mental activity of the mind and the physical activity of the body

12. Why is it inaccurate to refer to the filling of the Spirit as a second work of grace?

The filling of the Spirit is, therefore, not a once-for-all experience. It is not properly named a second work of grace, as it occurs again and again.

13. What is meant by the command "Quench not the Spirit"?

Quenching the Spirit is stifling or suppressing the Spirit and not allowing Him to accomplish His work in the believer

- 14. Why is yielding to God necessary to be filled with the Spirit?
- Yieldedness is not in reference to some particular issue, but it is rather taking the will of God for one's life in every particular.
  - 15. Contrast the initial step of presenting one's body as a living sacrifice with the life of continuous yieldedness
  - Presenting your body is a Christian's initial surrender his life to the Lord which reveals God's will for the life. Yielding is the process of achieving that will by continuous obedience to His will
  - 16. Name the various aspects of a Christian's yieldedness to God.
  - It is first of all a yieldedness to the Word of God. It is also is related to guidance and providential acts.

- 17. In what sense is Christ the supreme example of yieldedness to God?
- In Philippians 2:5-11 it is revealed that Jesus in coming to the earth and dying for the sins of the world was willing to be what God chose, willing to go where God chose, and willing to do what God chose.
- 18. What is the meaning of the command "Grieve not the Spirit"?
  - Here it is presumed that sin has entered into the life of the Christian and unyieldedness has become a fact of his experience.
- 19. How does a Christian's circumstances affect his experience of being filled with the Spirit?
- Experience of the filling of the Spirit, may be affected by physical conditions. The greater the need in a believer's circumstances, however, the greater the need for the filling of the Spirit and yieldedness to the will of God that the power of the Spirit may be manifested in the individual life.

20. What is the remedy for grieving the Spirit?

Confession

21. Why may a Christian confess his sin in confidence that he will be forgiven?

The way to restoration is open because the death of Christ is sufficient for all his sins (1 John 2:1-2).