

Study of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

LESSON 3: CONTROLLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

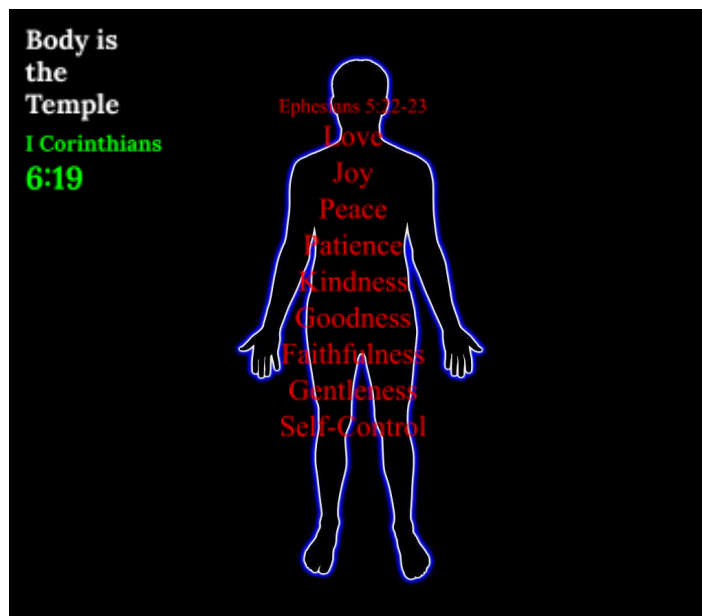
OBJECTIVE:

To continue to make sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit, as you strive to accomplish goals in your life, so that you become spiritually mature.

Review of Spiritual Growth:

1. The overall purpose of this study is intended for you to remain focused on growing, **I Peter 2:2**
 - a. Growing Personally – achieving personal goals you set for yourself for this year.
 - b. Growing Spiritually – Allowing more of the Holy Spirit to possess you.

2. **Spiritual Growth**, which is recognizing where you are (spiritually) and moving towards position and alignment with Christ.
 - a. **Christlikeness** is to follow Christ by growing in His grace and knowledge sacrificing daily to be holy and acceptable to God.
 - b. To Be Filled with the Spirit, which is the activity of Jesus Christ in the life of a believer.
 - i. The Spirit Indwells inside of a believer – I Corinthians 3:16
 - ii. Being Filled is possessing the Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians



The consequences of Being Filled with the Spirit, is your goal

1. Christlike character, not obeying lust of the flesh
2. Worshipper, expressing praise to God – Ephesians 5:18-20
3. Submissive to God, Ephesians 5:21
4. Service to God, Psalm 100:2

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II. Focus on the Believer's New Nature

1. New nature is from God Himself - **2 Peter 1:4**
 - Lay aside the old life
 - New man is created in righteousness – **Eph 4:22-25**

QUESTION: What distinguishes the old nature from the new nature?

- Could some of the same actions you did in the old life be done in the new life?

What makes the difference? The use of the Spirit, the relationship between the *New self* and the *Old self* is the Holy spirit.

A. Focus The MIND

What is the practice of the mind, **Romans 12:2** – Constant Renewing

- All thoughts, ambitions, wills, desires must be conformed to the will of God
- The Will of God – is the activity of God

The mind is at war with God – **Romans 8:6-7**

1. Develop the mind of Christ – which means not to think more highly of yourself more highly than you ought - **Phil 2:5**
2. Submit to the will of God, that requires thinking - **Eph 5:17**
3. Gird the mind to prevent loose thinking - **I Peter 1:13**

B. Discipline the Heart

QUESTION: To get the best you, to achieve the goals you have set for yourselves and to grow in spirituality and mature, what must happen?

1. The spirit must get more a hold of you.
 - Those parts of your personality that make you unique.
2. Spirit needs access to your mind – James 1:17
3. Spirit needs access to your heart - The heart is the seat of all intellectual life. For the saved person salvation brings to new capacity to think right, to love God, to purpose do the will of God
 - **Hebrews 4:12** – Heart has thoughts.
 - **Matthew 15:19** – Evil thoughts proceed out.
 - **Psalms 119:11** – To hide the word or the knowledge of the Word.
 - **Hebrews 10:22** – Heart is to be washed.

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- C. **Clean Your Conscience** – All people have a conscience – Romans 2:15
What is the Conscience: it that human faculty which man uses to distinguish between good and bad,
- The conscience serves as a right guide – John 8:9
 - A cleansed conscience should help a believer live the Christian life.

QUESTION: Do you think people are not living consistent, faithful, righteous Christians lives because they have a conscience problem? Maybe their conscience is not clear?

ISSUE: One of the most important and complex aspects of a Christian life is a believer's social activities? In living a Christian life their social activities steer them away from being focus

The conscience should be a guide for a believer in the areas of politics, vocation, spirituality, and social relations.

CONCLUSION

1. For the believer to achieve their goals, they must be focused on the Spirit and the indwelling presence of Christ in your life. The spirit will give directives on what is to be done and the direction to go in.
2. Remember to simply yield to the control of the spirit.