

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MY LIFE

- I. He came into my life when I became a Christian.
1. Romans 8:9 – If the Holy Spirit isn't in me then I am not a Christian.
 2. I Cor 12:13 – We are baptized “en” (by not in) the Spirit once.
 3. I Cor 2:12 – “Now we have received (past tense) the Spirit which is of God.
 4. Gal 3:2-3 – Did I receive the Spirit (past tense) by works or faith?
- II. He dwells in me and will never leave me.
1. John 14:16-17 “Another” – of the same kind.
 2. In Old Testament times He came upon men but may later leave.
I Sam 10:10 – Spirit came upon Saul mightily.
I Sam 18:12 – Saul – The Lord had left him.
I Sam 28:15 - Saul said “God has departed from me.”
II Sam 7:5 – God’s lovingkindness – “as I took it away from Saul.”
Judges 16:20 – “He did not know that the Lord had departed from him.”
- III. He wants me to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Literally – Controlled by the Holy Spirit.
- A study of Eph 5:18 in the Greek language
1. I am commanded by God to be filled with – controlled by- the Holy Spirit. (Imperative mood) The Imperative mood is a command
 2. Every Christian is to be filled with the Holy Spirit not just a select few. (plural)
 3. The Holy Spirit does the filling. (Passive Voice) It is not something I do but something that is done to me.
 4. “Continually be being filled” with the Holy Spirit. Continually be under the control of the Holy Spirit. (Continuous action)
- IV. How the Holy Spirit can fill me with His Spirit.
1. Recognize His indwelling presence. I Cor 6:19-20 in “me” and our group of believers. I Cor 3:16
 2. Desire the Holy Spirit’s control of my life. Desire to be filled. John 7:37-38
 3. I John 1:9 - Confess all known sin. Eph 4:30- I can grieve Him. I Thess 5:19 – I can quench Him.
 4. Willingly forsake my sin and yield my life to God. Psalm 66:18
Isaiah 59:1-2
Prov 28:13
Rom 6:13, 19
 5. God plainly stated it is His will for me to be filled with His Holy Spirit – controlled by His Spirit. Eph 5:18
 6. Now pray asking God to do what I know He wants to do – fill me with His Holy Spirit so He is in control of my life.
John 7:38 – I desire it.
Eph 5:18 – He commanded it
I John 5:14-15 – I ask according to His will and He promised to do it.
 7. Walk daily – spiritually breathing.
Exhaling – confessing my sins.
Inhaling – believing God to forgive and control me.
 8. I am baptized “en” (by not in) the Holy Spirit once.
I Cor 12:13 But I am filled again and again as I confess my sins and yield to God believing Him to be in control of my life. Eph 5:18; I John 1:9; Rom 6:6, 13, 19;
I John 5:14-15; Prov 28:13
 - Spiritual believer – Rightly related to the Holy Spirit
 - Mature believer – Takes time and effort