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The Holy Spirit is a mystery. The third person of the Godhead doesn't seem to get as much attention from us as the Father or the Son. But as believers, he is at work in and through our lives every moment of every day. Discover in this study who he is, how we can be filled and controlled by his power, and how he can change us to be more like Jesus every day.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit

A. Read these verses and learn what Jesus taught about the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

1. John 14:16–17
2. John 14:25–26
3. John 15:26
4. Acts 1:8

B. What will be the results of a Spirit-controlled life?

1. Galatians 5:22–25
2. 2 Corinthians 3:17

C. Why can the Christian **not** live the abundant life Christ promised in his own efforts?

1. Romans 8:6–8
2. John 15:4–5

D. How can the Christian experience the abundant lifestyle that Christ promised in John 10:10?

1. Ephesians 5:15–18
2. Galatians 5:16–18

The normal Christian life is supernatural. Therefore, it takes a natural person and power to live the normal Christian life.

How to be controlled by the Holy Spirit

- A. Read Matthew 28:18–20 and John 14:16–18
1. What did Jesus promise?
 2. How long is the promise good for?
 3. Does Jesus ever make a promise he does not keep?
- B. When does a person receive the Spirit of God promised by Christ? Read Ephesians 1:13–14 and Romans 8:9.
- C. What does it mean to be controlled (filled) by the Spirit? Read Ephesians 5:18.
1. Does the term “filling” mean quantity or control of the Spirit? Explain your answer.
 2. How is being drunk like being filled with the Spirit?
- D. Read Ephesians 4:30 and 1 Thessalonians 5:19.
1. What does it mean to grieve or quench the Spirit of God within you?
 2. How can you tell if you have grieved the Spirit of God?
 3. What sins in your life quench the Spirit and keep you from experiencing the full power of the Holy Spirit?
- E. What action must be taken to be controlled by the Spirit of God?
1. 1 John 1:9
 2. Colossians 2:6
- F. Should you reject the Spirit’s control of your life through sin — a definite act of disobedience — breathe spiritually:
1. Exhale: Confess your sin
 2. Inhale: Surrender the control of your life to Christ appropriate the fullness of the Holy Spirit by faith

Memory verses

Galatians 5:16, 22–23

John 15:5