

Life in the Spirit

The Spirit of Life - Week 2 (10-11-23)

(What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit, and how do I make that personal?)

“Before there can be fullness there must be emptiness. Before God can fill us with Himself, we must first be emptied of ourselves.” (*How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit*, A.W. Tozer)

2. Corinthians 3:17 (AMP)

1. Accepting Christ as your personal Lord and Savior brings salvation, and being filled with the Holy Spirit brings the fruits of the Spirit.
(Galatians 5:22-24, ESV)
These fruits give indication of true change, only made possible through Christ.
 - a. Being filled with the Spirit and then walking in the Spirit is not only a mere action or emotional event. This is choosing daily to walk by the Spirit and allow the Spirit to guide us every moment, of every day.
(Galatians 5:25-26, AMP)
 - b. We can identify those who walk in the Spirit by their fruit. Also, we can be identified by our fruit too, continually be aware of what we are producing.
(Matthew 7:16-20, TPT)
2. Living in the Spirit is walking in a steady, constant peace that passes all understanding. Being continually aware of the guidance and direction we are given in our daily lives helps us to remain in this consistent peace, despite all circumstances.
(John 14:27, AMP)
 - a. The human understanding of walking in peace is tied to an emotion. Spiritual awareness is understanding that the peace that comes from the God through the Holy Spirit, is steadily remaining despite of circumstances or emotional roller coasters.
(Do not let your emotions control you or your daily walk.)
2) Corinthians 10:3-5, ESV)
 - b. Being intentional about how we are living our lives, not just on Sunday, but every second of every day. Walking in the Spirit is also honoring God in all things within our lives. (Colossians 3:16-17, AMP)
3. Living and walking in the Spirit means we are set apart, different than those who are not yet walking in salvation or filled with the Spirit.
(John 17:14-17, AMP)
 - a. “The battlefield is in the mind.” (Joyce Meyer)
There is a reason we are given clear direction, multiple different times, throughout the Bible about our thoughts and being mindful of them.
(Romans 12:2, ESV)

- b. The world encourages complaining and grumbling, but we find in the Bible to rejoice always. In the face of adversity, when the enemy tries to steal your peace, joy, and strength.....REJOICE and GIVE THANKS!!

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-22, ESV)

Philippians 4:8

2 Timothy 1:7

Ephesians 4:22-32

2 Corinthians 10:5

All these scriptures, and many more, give us guidance and direction in all things and for all things. This is not a one and done walk, this is a every single day making the decision to allow the Holy Spirit to be my guide. This is a, every single day choosing to walk in the peace of God that the Holy Spirit fills us with. This is a, my mind is renewed, and I can more easily recognize all things that are not in line with God's word. This is a, being constantly aware that although there is an enemy, GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN ME, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD.