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Hands at Work



Throughout the week, look for practical ways to show the love that God has placed in your heart. Some examples: Make a meal for your parents, help your classmates with their homework, visit a youth from your church who hasn't been coming lately, etc. Return next week and tell us what you did!

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Memorize

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth
Acts 1:8

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Weekly Challenge

Read the book of Acts, chapters 8 to 14, and write what you learn in your journal. Don't forget to mark the corresponding box each time you read a chapter.

Book	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
John	1	2	3	4	5	6	7



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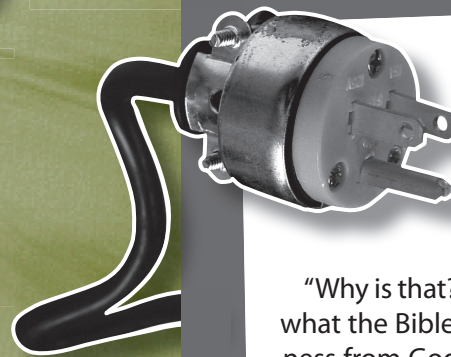


The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Christian



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Connect with the Word



"I don't believe anyone can be called Holy," said Gabriel, a young man from the Bible study group I was leading. This comment disconcerted me because we weren't in class, just on a field day.

"Why is that?" I asked him. A little irritated, he told me: "I have tried to do what the Bible says, but I haven't been able to. I have had to ask forgiveness from God so many times; it is so frustrating. When I accepted Jesus as my Savior, I was convinced that he had done a miracle in me. But now, I find myself in a situation in which I'm not sure that a Christian life is possible. It's so difficult with the pressure of friends and classmates!" finished Gabriel, almost yelling.

I have had this type of conversation more than once, and maybe you have started to find yourself in a similar situation. Because of this, we are going to talk about "the Spirit-filled life." But what does it mean to have a life full of the Spirit? It simply means that the Spirit of God fills your life.



That doesn't mean to say that God makes a hole in your head and fills you with some strange force! To be full of the Holy Spirit means that you allow the Spirit of God to take control of every part of your life; this is the way to live a victorious life. The following activity will help you to better understand what the Holy Spirit can do through you and in you.

In the following sentences you will find blank lines, under each line there is a scrambled word. Arrange the letters to form the word that completes each sentence. First try to do it without the help of your Bible, then look up the verse found at the end of each statement and read it.

1. Jesus Christ said that the life of a Christian is as if _____
(ivrres)
of _____ run through us. (John 7:38-39).
(glnivi) (teawr)
2. Before Jesus left, He told his disciples that the Father would send the Counselor, a Holy Spirit, who would do two things: _____ them all things and _____ them of all that
(hetac) (demnir)
Jesus had said (John 14:26).
3. Jesus knew that by their own strength, the disciples couldn't successfully live the Christian life. That's why, after his resurrection, he told them that they would _____
(evcieer) (opewr)
when they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).
4. There were some people, nearly 2,000 years ago, that were not living like God wanted. These people were compared to "spiritual children." They could not grow in their Christian life because they were not full of the Holy Spirit. At least three negative aspects were mentioned in them: _____,
(uoslyaej) (lluerraqngi)
and _____ (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).
(nsiosendsi)

5. The strongest evidence to prove if one is full of the Holy Spirit is if they have the "Fruit of the Spirit." In Galatians 5:22 and 23 you will find a detailed description of this fruit.

- 1) _____, 2) _____, 3) _____, 4) _____
(elvo) (oyj) (eaecp) (tieencpa)
- 5) _____, 6) _____, 7) _____
(ndissek) (dnosoeg) (thflussenfai)
- 8) _____, and 9) _____.
(nntlegesse) (lfse-trooncl)



A life full of the Holy Spirit is one that overflows with love for God and others, and has pure intentions. It is a life of victory and power. It is the life that God asks that his children live, and that He offers through baptism with the Holy Spirit (see 1 Peter 1:16).



After all that has been talked about, do you consider yourself a Spirit-filled Christian? If not, there are three things that you can start to do today to be a Christian who is filled with the Holy Spirit.

1. Sincerely recognize the negative attitudes you have and confess to God your need to be purified within. Read Colossians 3:5-11.
2. Consecrate your life, which is to say, give each area of your life (spiritual, emotional, social, and intellectual) to the Lord. Read Romans 12:1-13.
3. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit, humbly asking God, in faithful prayer, that He fill you with His Spirit. It is a simple act of faith, exactly like when you received Christ as your Savior. Read Luke 11:3, Acts 15:8-9, and 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24.