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Extended Notes

We cannot live a _____ life apart from the _____.

Read John 14:12-14

As Christians, the _____ lives in _____.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not a once-and-for-all experience.

Read Ephesians 5:15-21

"It is clear that every regenerate man [Torrey's word for a believer] has the Holy Spirit. But in many a believer the Holy Spirit dwells away back in some hidden sanctuary of his person, away back of conscious experience. So just as it is one thing to have a guest in your house living in some remote corner of the house where you scarcely know that he is there, and quite another thing to have the guest taking entire possession of the house. In other words, it is one thing to have the Holy Spirit merely dwelling in us but we not conscious of His dwelling, and quite another thing to be filled with the Holy Spirit. So we may put it with perfect accuracy this way: Every regenerate person has the Holy Spirit, but not every regenerate person has what the Bible calls 'the gift of the Holy Spirit' [or is filled with the Holy Spirit]." - R A Torrey, *The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*

God's _____: to be _____ with the Holy Spirit.

Read 1 John 5:14-15

Christianity is not merely an array of glorious ideas. It is not merely the performance of rituals and sacraments. It is the life-changing experience of the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ the Lord of the universe. - John Piper

You cannot control yourself AND be controlled by the Holy Spirit at the same time.

Three types of people:

Natural Man



Spiritual Man



Worldly Christian



Read 1 Corinthians 2:14

Read 1 Corinthians 2:15-16

Read Galatians 3:3

Being _____ with the Holy Spirit is about a posture of _____ and _____.

Read John 10:10

As an exercise in faith, Spiritual Breathing makes it possible for you and I to continue to experience God's love, forgiveness, and the power and control of the Holy Spirit moment by moment and as a way of life.

Read 1 John 1:9

We _____ by _____ of sin.

We _____ by _____ as we surrender _____ to the Holy Spirit.

Read Galatians 2:20

Three important questions to ask:

1. Am I ready now to surrender control of my life to our Lord Jesus Christ?

Read Romans 12:1-2

2. Am I ready now to confess my sins?

3. Do I sincerely desire to be directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Discussion Questions:

1. How much does the Holy Spirit have of you? How have you withheld control from the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and direct in your life?
2. Which of the three circles/types of people best represents your life? Why would you say that?
3. What is one of your biggest fears/concerns that keeps you from allowing the Holy Spirit more control?
4. How can you make moment-by-moment "spiritual breathing" (confession of sin and allowing the Holy Spirit to retake control) the 'normal' for your life?

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Blog

This past summer we took a group of high school students to a conference in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. One day, several students and I took a couple of hours to hike up one of the nearby trails. For the most part, we could see our destination, and the path wasn't overly difficult. Most of the trail was well worn and it was obvious the right way to go. However, near the top, the trail started to become less obvious as to the direction to go. It appeared that, from the many offshoots from the trail, at this point, most hikers simply gave up on the trail and decided to forge their own in their haste to get to the top they could 'see' so near. Not wanting to be outdone by the more athletic and spirited students I was with, I joined in the chaotic scramble to the top - leaving what remained of the path to wander around the next bend. When we reached the top, we saw where the path would have taken us had we stuck with it, and how much easier it would have been. Instead, we were all the more tired for attempting to construct a path all our own.

Wouldn't it be nice if the trail ahead would always be marked with flashing lights and arrows pointing us in the right direction? Not just physically, but also spiritually? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we knew how to walk every moment of every day, (as we find Paul praying in Colossians 1) *"in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God"*? The truth is, we can! We have actually been wired to rely on the Holy Spirit in such a way that we can *WALK* in such a way that pleases God - and not have to guess about it. We can *WALK* in a way that bears spiritual fruit - and not be worn out in the process.

Plan to join us this Sunday morning for worship as we continue our sermon series "Satisfaction Guaranteed" and look at how we can continue to *WALK* as one who is filled with the Holy Spirit!