

Discussion questions, Truths That Transform: The Holy Spirit

Part 2

Scripture passages: Ephesians 5:18, Colossians 3:16,  
1 Corinthians 12:13, Galatians 5:22-23, Romans 8:9

1. What is the difference, if any, between the baptism of the Spirit and the filling of the Spirit? (1 Cor 12:13)

2. Are all Christians indwelt by the Holy Spirit at all times? If so, why do they need to be filled with the Holy Spirit? (Rom. 8:9)

3. Does every Christian possess the Holy Spirit in all His fullness?

4. How are we filled with the Spirit?

5. How does Colossians 3:16, a parallel passage to Ephesians 5:18, help us to understand what being filled with the Spirit means?

6. What are some hindrances to being filled with the Spirit?

7. Can you be a Christian and not be habitually obedient to God? Explain your answer.

8. If you don't feel the Holy Spirit every day does that mean that you are not filled with the Spirit?

9. Believers are called to be filled with the Spirit in Ephesians 5:18, but they are also called to exhibit the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Do you exhibit the fruit of the Spirit in your life? Is it apparent to others around you that you are a Christian and controlled by the Spirit of God?

10. The command "Be filled with the Spirit" in Ephesians 5:18 is a plural command. What does this tell you about the importance of the Holy Spirit to the church?

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