

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

PNEUMA: THE HOLY SPIRIT

July 25, 2021

DISCUSSION 1: FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT (REVIEW WEEK 3)

1. Millard Erickson writes, "This is not so much a matter of our getting more of the Holy Spirit.... It is, rather, a matter of his possessing more of our lives." What's the difference between these two things?
2. What are ways you might know if you're living out of the fullness of the Spirit or not?
3. What are reasons we might not be filled with the Spirit or don't experience this to the extent we desire? What might we be "filled with" if it's not the Spirit?
4. What are some of the results we see in Scripture of believers being filled with the Spirit? (See Acts 4:31; 13:52; Eph. 5:18.)
5. How do the actions mentioned in Eph. 5:19-21 help us be filled with the Spirit?

DISCUSSION 2: FLESH VS SPIRIT

1. Read Rom. 8:28-29; Col. 3:10; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Thess. 4:3. What is the Spirit's aim in transforming or sanctifying us?
2. What are some of the reasons we might not experience change or maturity quite like we thought we would or might desire?
3. When you think about sanctification being a lifelong conflict you must fight daily, does that help you be more aware and on guard or discourage you? Why?
4. What does it mean that we are not neutrally torn between the flesh and the Spirit, but that Romans 8:9 says the realm we are in is the Spirit? Though the flesh remains, why should the Spirit be the realm or person we live in more so than the flesh?

DISCUSSION 3: HOW TO FIGHT

1. What are ways we might try to fight sin in our own power or flesh? How might you know if you're fighting in the Spirit's power?
2. If we are changed by the Spirit, does that mean we are wholly passive and should just sit back and wait for the Spirit to transform us? How does sanctification include an active element (we fight) and a passive element (we fight by the Spirit)? Why are both important?
3. What are ways you can renew your mind?
4. When or in what areas this week do you most need to yield your desire to the Spirit?
5. What's one temptation or sin you're struggling with in this season? Is there anything specifically you need to put off? What do you need to put on to replace that sin with Christlike righteousness?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Renew your mind:** Rom. 8:6-8; 12:2; Eph. 4:23; Col. 3:1-4; 2 Cor. 10:4-5; 1Peter 1:13; Matt. 16:23.
- **Yield your desires:** Gal. 5:16-17; James 1:14-15; 1 John 2:15-17.
- **Put to Death Your Sinful Deeds:** Rom. 8:13; 1 Cor. 6:15-20; Rom. 6:12-14; Eph. 4:22-24.
- [“We Believe in the Holy Spirit”](#) by David Mathis at [desiringgod.org](#).
- [“Five Works of the Spirit in the Life of a Believer”](#) by Chance Faulkner at [ca.thegospelcoalition.org](#).
- [“The Mysterious Trinity and Why It Matters”](#) by Jeanie Layne at [ftc.co](#).