

Sermon Title: The Principles of the Spirit-Filled Life

Sermon Text: Various Scriptures

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to an effective living out of the Spirit-filled life.

Sermon Proposition: There are 3 principles of the Spirit-filled life and reality.

Introduction: Ephesians 5:15-18; Colossians 3:16-17

- I. To live the Spirit-filled life requires birth by the Spirit. John 3:1-8**
- II. To live the Spirit-filled life requires baptism by the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13**
- III. To live the Spirit-filled life requires branding by the Spirit. John 14:15-26**

I. To live the Spirit-filled life requires birth by the Spirit. John 3:1-8

A. The Spiritual birth provides new sight about the Kingdom of God. (Rulership of God) v.3

John 8:39-47

John 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

B. The Spiritual birth transforms position and identity. Vv.5-6

1 Peter 1:23-25 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, **24** because "All flesh *is* as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, **25** But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

C. The Spiritual birth is a miraculous performance by the Spirit. V.7-9

II. To live the Spirit-filled life requires baptism by the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13

The Holy Spirit joins believers together in Christ through Spirit baptism. (**Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:4,5; 2:4; 11:15-18**)

The Body of Christ is a spiritual entity composed of all believers between Pentecost and the still future Rapture. The Baptism of the Spirit is essential to the existence and maintenance of the church. Believers within the Body of Christ obey Christ to various degrees, but none perfectly. Some Christians make submission to God a conscious priority, confessing their failures and seeking God's help to avoid domination. Others persist in wrong behavior or false teaching, even after they are warned of sin (ex. Corinthians, Peter, Paul, Timothy, etc.). **Titus 1:9-16; 1 Timothy 5:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15**

III. To live the Spirit-filled life requires branding by the Spirit. John 14:15-26

A. The Spirit-filled life provides the Divine presence of the Spirit. Vv.15-17

Jesus lived on earth in the power of the Holy Spirit and so are we.

Acts 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

B. The Spirit-filled life provides the Divine presence of the Son. Vv.18-21

C. The Spirit-filled life provides the Divine presence of the Father. Vv.22-24

D. The Spirit-filled life provides the Divine presence of the Teacher. Vv.25-26

The connection between the filling of the Spirit and the teaching of the Word are tied together.

Colossians 3:16-17 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. **17** And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1 John 2:20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

E. The Spirit-filled life provides the Divine presence of the Witness of peace. V.27

1. Luke 24:44-42 Resurrection Reality
2. John 14:16-17 Spirit of Truth
3. John 15:26-27 Testimony
4. John 16:7-13 Counselor

The expression of peace (Hebrew shalom) could serve as a greeting or announce blessing upon those who enjoyed a right relationship with God.