

BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Series I Session 8

Real Life!

**Who is the
Holy Spirit?**



The Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity, along with God the Father and Jesus the Son. Yet He is often overlooked or even ignored, and frequently seen as an **IT** and not **HE**. However, it's not possible to live an effective Christian life without Him.

In West Texas there was a famous oil field known as the Yates Pool. During the depression, this field was a sheep ranch owned by a man named Yates. Mr. Yates was not able to make enough money on his ranching operation to pay the interest on the mortgage and so he was in danger of losing his ranch. With little money for clothes or food, his family, like many others, had to live on government subsidy.

Day after day as he grazed his sheep over those rolling West Texas hills he was no doubt greatly troubled about how he was going to pay his bills. Then a seismographic crew from an oil company came into the area and told Mr. Yates that there might be oil on his land. They asked permission to drill a wildcat well and he signed a lease contract.

At 340 metres they struck a huge oil reserve. The first well came in at 80,000 barrels a day. Many subsequent wells were more than twice as large. In fact, 30 years after their discovery, a government test on one of the wells showed that it still had the potential flow of 125,000 barrels of oil a day.

Mr. Yates owned it all! The day he purchased the land he received the oil and mineral rights. Yet, he was living on relief. A multimillionaire living in poverty! The problem? He did not know the oil was there. He owned it but he did not possess it.

“Many Christians are not living the full life God intends for them; a life powered by the Holy Spirit.”

Take a few minutes in groups for the following:

Look at John 10:10, discuss what the full Christian life looks like. **Are you living it?**

Look at John 14:15-21, Ephesians 1:13-14, Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:4-5 and Matthew 28:18-20.

What does the Bible say about the Holy Spirit?



These scriptures bring up some important principles:

John 14:26-The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus and continues His ministry in our lives.

Ephesians 1:13-14- He dwells in us and is a guarantee that we are going to heaven.

Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:4-5- Through Him we can have the fruits of the Spirit and see others come to know Him.

Matthew 28:20b, Acts 4:31- You will be directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

“Experiencing the full life God intends for us is only possible through being filled with the Holy Spirit.”

All Christians have the Holy Spirit in them, but not all Christians are filled with the Holy Spirit..

Ephesians 5:18: Do not get drunk in wine which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit. This is a continuous command, meaning “go on being filled”. Being filled with the Spirit should be ongoing, not just a one off occasion.

Spiritual Breathing shows how we can continue to experience God’s love and forgiveness. This is an illustration of how sin can be dealt with:

Breathe out: **Confess** and **turn from** your sin. Agree with God about your sin and thank Him for His forgiveness of it, according to 1 John 1:9. To confess your sin also involves repenting-changing your attitude about it.

Breathe in: **Surrender** control of your life to Christ. Enjoy the fullness of the Holy Spirit by faith. Trust Him now to direct and empower you, according to the command of Ephesians 5:18 and the promise of 1 John 5:14-15.

What would your life look like if you were fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit?



What would you need to give up to live a fully surrendered life?



When we are filled with the Holy Spirit we are able to live the full life God intends for us, a life that is directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit!

Remember:

“Success in evangelism is taking the initiative to share Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God.” ~Dr. Bill Bright