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Series: Transformed for Christ's Glory
Message 12 – “One Spirit” Ephesians 4:4

We live in a world of multiply spirits.

There is only “One Spirit” – The Holy Spirit who has authority over all other spirits. (Eph 6:12)

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Genesis 1:4; Matt 28; John 4:24

The Holy Spirit is God, as the Father and Son are the one being of God. (Acts 5:4,9; Acts 7:51; Contrast

The Holy Spirit Indwells us when we come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. (1Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:9-11, 16; Ephesians 2:22; John 14:15- 17)

The believer who has yielded through obedience to the Holy Spirit is empowered (Acts 1:8), filled (Ephesians 5:18; Acts 2:4; 4:8) and illumined with the truth by the Holy Spirit for ministry (John 14:26; 16:13).

The Holy Spirit's primary purpose is to glorify Jesus Christ (John 16:14) and testify about him (John 15:26).

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit happens to all believers. 1Cor 12:12-14

Baptism in the Holy Spirit occurs *at the moment of salvation in Jesus. The Holy Spirit places a believer into a permanent union with Christ and with other believers in the Body of Christ. We are gifted and empowered with everything the Holy Spirit can give to us.* 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 6:1-4; Romans 1:16-17

- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the exclusive work of God through faith in Jesus Christ. 1Peter 1:10-16
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit places us in relationship/union with Jesus Christ. John 15:1-5
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit gifts and powers us for the holy ministry. (Spiritual Gifts, Gal 5:16 – walk Spirit-filled)
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the World-wide work of God throughout His Church. 1Cor 12:12-14 - It is not something you seek for but something that God does for us.
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the unifying work of the Lord. Acts – Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans. John 17:22-23

What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

The Spirit-filled life is experiencing the fullness of Jesus Christ to live wisely, pleasing our heavenly Father.

The Spirit-filled life is being under the control or influence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not exhaust us but empowers us.

The Spirit-filled life is the day by day, moment by moment dependency surrendering to the Holy Spirit and God's Word.

Be Filled and Controlled by the Holy Spirit-Ephesians 5:18

How can we be filled with the Holy Spirit?

- Know Jesus Christ personally – relationship.
- Desire to be Filled by Faith. Ask the Lord.
- Confess and Renounce Sin in your life. Proverbs 28:13
- Devout (Consecrate) your life to Jesus Christ as Lord. Joshua 3:5; Leviticus 20:7
- Depend Daily on the Holy Spirit. Galatians 2:20

What spirit(s) control your life? Does the Spirit of God dwell within you?