

WEEK 5: THE HOLY SPIRIT
DAY 1: GOD GIVES THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CHRISTIANS

1. This week we will study the work of the Holy Spirit. As we give ourselves to God, He gives Himself to us.

What is the most important thing we must give to God?

2. The most important thing we must give to God is our will. If we are Christians God has given us His Holy Spirit. We will learn this today. The Holy Spirit lives inside Christians.

Who gives the Holy Spirit to the Christian?

3. That is right. God gives us the Holy Spirit. All we have to do is to repent of sin and receive Christ as Saviour. We do not need to ask for the Holy Spirit. God freely gives us the Holy Spirit the moment we receive Christ as Saviour.

Who is given to the Christian?

4. God gives us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives inside of each Christian. In John 14 Christ promised that His Father would give the disciples another Helper since Jesus was going away.

John 14:16

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever . . .



Who did Christ say would give the Holy Spirit to the disciples?

5. God the Father would give the disciples the Holy Spirit. In John 14:17 Christ also told the disciples that the Holy Spirit would be in them.

John 14:17

. . . the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you shall know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you.

Who would be in the disciples?

6. The Holy Spirit would be in the disciples. God gives us His Spirit when we become Christians. The Holy Spirit is God just like the Father and the Son. The Bible teaches that a person who does not have the Holy Spirit does not belong to God.

Romans 8:9

And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

To whom does God give the Holy Spirit?

7. God gives His Spirit to Christians. This is what makes a Christian part of God's family. Without the Holy Spirit it would be impossible for Christians to live the way the Bible teaches. With the Holy Spirit living within each Christian we can live the way God wants us to live.

What has God done for each Christian?

8. He has given the Holy Spirit to live within each Christian. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to every person who receives Christ as Saviour. Paul taught this truth to the Christians who lived in Corinth. Some of them were using their bodies in the wrong way. Paul asked them this question.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.

In whom does God's Spirit live?

9. The Holy Spirit lives in Christians. This is called indwelling. He

cannot live in those who are not Christians. Their sins have not been forgiven. When a person receives Christ, God gives him the Holy Spirit. The Christian's body is the house of the Holy Spirit.



Who gives the Holy Spirit to Christians?

10. God gives the Holy Spirit to Christians. The Holy Spirit will not leave you. You can hurt the Holy Spirit by sinning, but once you have God's Spirit, He will not leave. This is a powerful truth. As a Christian you have a Helper who will never leave you.

Who lives within each Christian?

Memorize 1 Corinthians 6:19 this week.

This will be on your test.

1 Corinthians 6:19

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WEEK 5: THE HOLY SPIRIT
DAY 2: THE DISCIPLES NEEDED THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Who lives within each Christian?

2. God has given the Holy Spirit to every Christian. The Holy Spirit makes us born again. We need Him for other things, too. We are like the disciples. They were followers of Jesus. We know they had repented because Jesus told them their names were written in heaven. But they were still weak. Today we will learn some things which showed that the disciples needed the help of the Holy Spirit.

- 1) They were proud.
- 2) They were angry with each other.
- 3) They trusted in themselves.
- 4) They were afraid.

At the end of the lesson you will be asked to write three of these.

What was the first thing which showed that the disciples needed the help of the Holy Spirit?

3. The disciples were proud. They thought they were great. They thought they were better than other people. Jesus knew that His disciples were weak and proud. He knew they still needed some help. Yesterday we saw in John 14:16 that Jesus would send the disciples another Helper.



... And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor (Helper) to be with you forever

Who was this Helper whom the disciples needed?

4. The disciples needed the help of the Holy Spirit. They had been with Jesus for three years, but they needed power. They had failed Jesus many times. Their wills were not fully given to Him. They did

things which were not pleasing to God. They were proud.

Luke 22:24

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

What weakness and sin did they show when they wanted to be great?

5. They showed pride. God does not like pride. He cannot use proud Christians in His work.

1 Peter 5:5

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Matthew 20:26

. . . whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.

Whose power did they need to give them victory over pride?

6. They needed the help of the Holy Spirit. They could not get rid of their weakness by themselves. They needed the Holy Spirit to help them. Jesus knew this. He could not use them when they were proud.

We are like the disciples. Sometimes we are tempted to make ourselves big. We want big places in the church. We want to be more important than other people. We, too, need the Holy Spirit to help us.

What was the first thing which showed that the disciples needed the help of the Holy Spirit?

7. The disciples were proud. Sometimes they also were angry with each other. James and John wanted to sit beside Jesus in His kingdom. Their mother wanted Jesus to promise this to them. But look what happened.

Matthew 20:24

When the ten heard about this, they were indignant (angry) with the two brothers.

People who are proud want the best places in the church. They are angry if they find someone else in the work which they wanted. Then jealousy comes into the church and they begin to hate one another.

What should Christians do instead of being angry and hating each other?

8. They should love each other. Paul tells us that God puts his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. This love helps us not to get angry.

Romans 5:5

. . . because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

After being proud, what did the disciples do that showed they needed the help of the Holy Spirit?

9. They were angry with one another. But God cannot use people who have anger in their hearts. Look what Jesus said about this.



Matthew 5:22

But I tell you, that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

Who lives in our hearts, takes away anger, and gives us love?

10. The Holy Spirit does this. Jesus knew the disciples needed power to love one another. Unless they received this power they would not be

able to do His work. Instead they would destroy the church.

I know a church where two leaders were preparing the communion table. They began to argue about how the table should be prepared. One of them became very angry. He hit the other leader as they were standing beside the communion table.

What was the second thing the disciples did which showed they needed the help of the Holy Spirit?

11. The disciples were angry with one another. Look at all the things again.

- 1) They were proud.
- 2) They were angry with one another.
- 3) They trusted in themselves.
- 4) They were afraid.

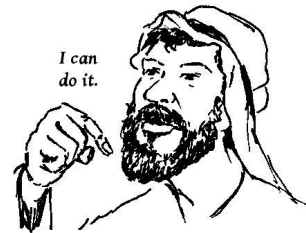
Let us see how they trusted in themselves. Before Jesus was arrested, the disciples thought they were strong. They thought they could stand for Jesus. But look what happened.

Take your Bible and read Matthew 26:31-35.

Did the disciples see how weak they were and how they needed the help of the Holy Spirit?

12. The disciples thought they were strong. They did not see how much they needed the help of the Holy Spirit.

In whom did the disciples trust?



13. The disciples trusted in themselves. They thought they were

strong. They said that they would never deny Jesus even if they must die. But we know that Peter soon denied Jesus three times. The other disciples all ran away.

The disciples were proud and they were angry with one another. What was the third thing which showed that they needed the help of the Holy Spirit?

- 14. 1) They were proud.
- 2) They were angry with one another.
- 3) They trusted in themselves.
- 4) They were afraid.

The disciples trusted in themselves. They thought they were strong. They thought they could be faithful to Jesus. But when trouble came, they were afraid. Peter was afraid when a girl asked him if he knew Jesus. He said he did not know Him.

Could the disciples do God's work when they were afraid?

15. We cannot work for God this way. We will only run away when hard things come. When the soldiers came to take Jesus, the disciples were afraid.

Mark 14:50

Then everyone deserted him and fled.



But after the Holy Spirit came upon them they were different men. The Holy Spirit gave them power. They preached to the people who killed Jesus. They said that the people must repent of their sins.

What weakness had the disciples overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit?

16. The Holy Spirit made the disciples overcome their fear. Before He filled them they were afraid. Their fear showed how much they needed the help of the Holy Spirit.

What are the first three things which showed how much they needed Him?

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17. They had pride. They were angry with one another. They trusted in themselves.

What was the fourth thing which showed how much they needed the help of the Holy Spirit?

18. Before the Holy Spirit filled them, they were afraid. They were proud of themselves. They thought they were strong. The disciples needed the help of the Holy Spirit. Once Jesus returned to heaven the Holy Spirit came to live inside every Christian. Now each Christian has the power to live and please God.

Do you have the Holy Spirit within you?

If you do not have the Holy Spirit in you, you are not a Christian. If you are a born again Christian God has given you His Spirit.

19. Write three things which showed that the disciples needed the help of the Holy Spirit.

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WEEK 5: THE HOLY SPIRIT
DAY 3: THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHES AND GUIDES US

1. Yesterday we saw that we are like the disciples. We need the power of the Holy Spirit who lives inside us.

Write three things which showed that the disciples needed the help of the Holy Spirit.

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2. The disciples were proud. They were angry with one another. They trusted in themselves and they were afraid.

Today we will learn how the Holy Spirit helps us. We will learn how we can be strong workers for God. This is most important because every Christian is called to be a worker for God. Perhaps you are a preacher who gives the Word of God to many people. Any sin in your life will stop the Holy Spirit from giving you His power.

Bow your head right now, confess this sin and be cleansed and forgiven as 1 John 1:9 says.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

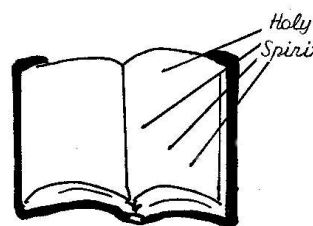
Now ask the Holy Spirit to take **full control** of your life.

3. The Lord Jesus tells us much about the work of the Holy Spirit. Today and tomorrow we will learn what He says. In these two days we will learn four things which the Holy Spirit does for us.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	
1) HE TEACHES	3) HE CONVICTS
2) HE GUIDES	4) HE GIVES POWER

Take your Bible now and read John 14:26. In this verse, what does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do?

4. The Holy Spirit will teach us. He will teach us everything. He will help us to remember all that Jesus said. We Christians have this teacher inside us. He is with us all the time. He helps us to understand the Bible. He helps us to remember it. The Holy Spirit teaches us.



Do you sometimes have trouble understanding verses in the Bible?

5. There are some things in the Bible which are hard to understand. We do not see what they mean when we first read them. But we can think about them. We can pray about them. We can listen to what the Holy Spirit says in our hearts about them.

What is the Holy Spirit doing when He helps us understand and remember the Word of God?

6. He is teaching us. This is part of His work. He is in us all the time. He can show us how to please God every minute.

Jesus taught the disciples, but sometimes they were away from Him. One time they tried to cast out an evil spirit. They failed. They had to wait for Jesus to come so they could ask Him what was wrong. But now our teacher is in us all the time.

Who is in us all the time to teach us?

7. The Holy Spirit is in us all the time. He goes with us wherever we go. He wants us to know Jesus. He wants us to know how to follow Him and obey Him. This is what Jesus said He would do.

John 15:26

When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

What is the first work which Jesus said the Holy Spirit would do?

8. The one who lives inside us does many things for us.

- 1) He teaches.
- 2) He guides.

We know many things from our teacher, the Holy Spirit. He helps us to understand the Bible. He helps us to remember the Word of God. He guides us through the Bible.

Who guides us through God's word?

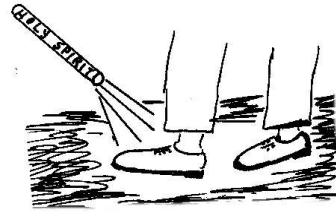
9. It is the Holy Spirit who does this. We read the Word of God. Here we find many things which we should do. We also find many things which we should not do. This is one reason God gave us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives within us all the time.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

Besides teaching, what does the Holy Spirit do for us?

10. The Holy Spirit guides us. When we work for God we are fighting against Satan. We do not know how to overcome him. We do not know how to get people out of his snare. But the Holy Spirit will guide us. He will show us what to do. He will show us which truths to use.



The Holy Spirit guided Peter on the Day of Pentecost. After the Holy Spirit came, Peter stood up to preach to the people. The Holy Spirit guided him to preach from the words of Joel and David in the Old Testament. He guided him to preach about Jesus. The preaching spoke to the people.

Acts 2:37

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart, . . .

How can you find what to preach about next Sunday?

11. You can ask the Holy Spirit. He will help you. We also need a guide to show us how to escape from temptation. We need someone to show us the way to follow Jesus.

Perhaps you once tried to go to a place which was hard to find. People tried to tell you how to go. But then someone said, "Let me go with you and show you the way." He guided you to the place. This is what the Holy Spirit does for us.

The Holy Spirit teaches us. What else does He do for us?

12. The Holy Spirit guides us. He shows us the way to work for Him. Paul and his helpers did much work for God. They helped many people to hear about the Lord Jesus. But sometimes they were not sure where to go and preach.

Acts 16:6,7

Paul and his companions travelled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from

preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

Who guided Paul and his helpers?

13. The Holy Spirit did this. He guided them on their missionary journey. Then he showed them in a vision where they should go.

The Holy Spirit will guide us. He may do this in different ways. He will NEVER ask us to do something that the Bible says is wrong. Often he shows us what to do through the words we read in the Bible. When the Holy Spirit guides us to do something, he gives us peace in our hearts. When it is not the right thing to do, he does not give us peace about it. Once in a while the Holy Spirit guides us through a vision. This does not happen often. If we have a vision or dream, we must check it out with the Bible. The vision or dream must always agree with that which the Word of God says.

Today we have learned two kinds of work which the Holy Spirit does. What are they?

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14. The Holy Spirit wants to teach us. He wants to guide us. He is in us all the time. Will you let Him be your Helper in everything? Will you let Him make you strong? Will you let Him make you the worker God wants you to be?

Think about yourself. Are you glad the Holy Spirit lives in you? Have you asked the Holy Spirit to take **full control** of your life?

If you have not, will you do so now?

15. Write two things from today's lesson which the Holy Spirit does for us.

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WEEK 5: THE HOLY SPIRIT
 DAY 4: THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS AND GIVES US POWER

1. What are two things the Holy Spirit does for us?

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2. These are the things which the Holy Spirit does for us.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	
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Now let's look at the third thing He does. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. The Holy Spirit convicted us of sin before we accepted Christ as Saviour. He continues to convict us of sin even after we accept Christ as Saviour.

John 16:8,9

When he (the Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; . . .

What does the Holy Spirit do?

3. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. When we see our sin, we confess our sin. He forgives us and cleanses us.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Who convicts us of our sin?

4. The Holy Spirit convicts us. He uses the word of God to convict us.

Take your Bible and read Ephesians 5:25-27.

. . . As Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Christ wants us to be holy or “set apart” from sin. When the Holy Spirit shows us our sin, we ask Jesus to forgive us and He cleanses us.

Think what we just learned about the disciples. What unclean things did they have in their lives?

5. We have learned that they had pride, anger, self-trust and fear. These things made them weak and needed to be taken away. The disciples needed the Holy Spirit to convict them of their sin.



What did the Holy Spirit do in the lives of the disciples?

6. He convicted them of their sin. He showed them the unclean things in their lives. They asked for forgiveness and were cleansed. Then the Holy Spirit could pour the love of God into their hearts. Look again at what Paul says about this.

Romans 5:5

...because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given to us.

Pride, anger, self-trust, and fear come from loving ourselves. As Christians we have the love of God in our hearts.

Who convicts us of our sin?

7. It is the Holy Spirit who does this. He did it for the disciples. He

also does this for us.

What does the Holy Spirit do besides teaching and guiding?

8. He convicts of sin. These are the things which He does.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	
1) HE TEACHES	3) HE CONVICTS
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The Holy Spirit convicts of pride, fear and all other unclean things. Peter had denied Christ three times because he trusted in himself. Soon after this he turned away from his sin. After the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they were changed. They had power. Later Peter preached boldly to great crowds about Jesus.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

What happened to Peter?

9. Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. Now the Holy Spirit was teaching and guiding him. He was giving Peter power. The disciples were no longer divided by pride and anger. They had power to overcome sin. They loved each other and they loved God. Later Peter wrote about this.

1 Peter 1:22

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

What is the third thing which the Holy Spirit does for us?

10. The Holy Spirit convicts us when we sin. He convicted us of our sin before we accepted Christ as Saviour. He continues to do this as we walk with God. There is something else which He does.

Ephesians 3:16

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being. . . .

From this verse, what does the Holy Spirit do in us?

11. He gives us power. Before Jesus was crucified, He told the disciples a surprising thing.

John 14:12

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father.

These were surprising words. The disciples had seen Jesus do many wonderful things. Now Jesus said that they would do greater things.

Who would give them this power?

12. This power would come from the Holy Spirit. Jesus explained that God would give them the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16,17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Where must the Holy Spirit live so He can give us power?

13. He must live inside us. When we receive Christ as Saviour, the Holy Spirit moves inside us. Without Him we cannot work for God.

When I was a boy, I used to ride the bus to see my grandparents. I liked to sit near the driver and watch him. I thought driving a bus was a good job. So I decided to be a bus driver when I grew up.



But I could not wait until I was grown. I made my own bus. The seats were stones on the ground. The steering wheel was one of my mother's pot lids. The bell was a can hanging on a string in the tree. My brother and sisters rode the bus and I was the driver. We pretended to go past many towns. But really we were beside the same tree. The bus had no power. It could not go. Many people are like that. They say they are Christians, but they cannot do anything for God.

What does the Holy Spirit want to give us so we can overcome sin and work for God?

14. The Holy Spirit wants to give us power. He will give us power to overcome sin. He will give us power to work for God. This power is not to make us great. It is not to make people look at us. Once when the apostles were preaching a magician believed. He saw the power of the Holy Spirit working. He tried to buy this power with money.

Acts 8:20

Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!"

The Holy Spirit wants to give power for God's work, but our hearts must be right.

What are the other three things which the Holy Spirit does?

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15. He teaches, He guides, and He convicts. He is the wonderful Helper whom God has given.

What is the fourth work of the Holy Spirit?

16. He gives power. He changes the lives of people. When Jesus was on earth the disciples were weak. They were proud and sometimes they were angry. They trusted in themselves. They were afraid of storms. They were afraid of soldiers. But later they were strong, even when they were put into prison.

Acts 4:18-20

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God’s sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

What changed the apostles?

17. Being filled with the Holy Spirit changed them.

What four things does the Holy Spirit do for us?

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18. Do you remember our memory verse? Write it out today.

WEEK 5: THE HOLY SPIRIT
DAY 5: THE CHRISTIAN IS COMMANDED TO BE FILLED WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1. This week we have been learning about the Holy Spirit. Let us review the things which we have learned.

Who lives within each Christian?

2. God gives each Christian the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we need the Holy Spirit to help us live for God.

Write three things which showed that the disciples needed the help of the Holy Spirit.

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3. The disciples had pride. They were angry with one another. They trusted in themselves. They had fear. When God gave them the Holy Spirit they were changed.

What four things does the Holy Spirit do for us?

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4. He teaches and guides. He convicts of sin. He gives power. We need these things in our lives. Today we will learn that God commands every Christian to be filled (controlled) with the Holy Spirit.

This command is found in Ephesians 5:18.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery (wild living). Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

With whom must the Christian be filled?

5. The Christian must be filled with the Holy Spirit. Another way to say it is that each Christian must be controlled by the Holy Spirit. When a person is drunk, the alcohol is in control. God wants His children to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.



What is another way of saying, "Be controlled by the Spirit?"

6. "Be filled with the Spirit." God commands Christians to allow the Holy Spirit to fill or control them. A command means that Christians must do what God says. God is ordering Christians to be filled with His Spirit.

When it is an order, what is it called?

7. It is called a command. This command is found in Ephesians 5:18. It is a command that Christians be controlled by the Holy Spirit at ALL times.

For whom is this command?

8. That is right. It is for all Christians. A person who is not a Christian cannot be controlled by the Spirit. This person does not even have the Holy Spirit in him. The Holy Spirit is only given to Christians.

Who is to control each Christian?

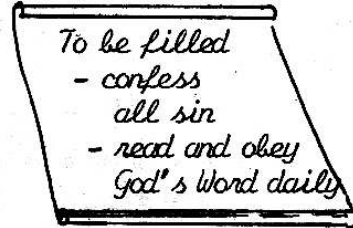
9. The Holy Spirit is to control each Christian. The person who has received Christ as Saviour is a Christian. He is the one who is to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Each Christian has the same Holy Spirit. He does not need to get more of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit needs to get more control of him.

When the Holy Spirit is controlling a Christian what is this called?

10. Being filled with the Holy Spirit. To be filled or controlled by the Spirit, a Christian first needs to confess all sin.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



The Christian also needs to read and to obey God's Word daily. He must give himself completely to the control of the Holy Spirit. Then he is controlled by the Holy Spirit.

James 4:7,8

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Who is commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

11. Christians are commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit. When a Christian is controlled by the Holy Spirit, he will be able to live a life which pleases God. God would not command this if it was not possible.

What do we call it when God orders Christians to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

12. We call this a command. We must obey this command.

One day when Mark had his time of prayer, the Holy Spirit gave him a great desire to go and see Ken. Ken was not living for the Lord. Mark went to see Ken and spoke to him about returning to the Lord. Ken did not decide to return to the Lord that day. Two days later Ken came to see Mark and said, "I want to give my life to God today." Mark obeyed the Holy Spirit. He was controlled by the Holy Spirit.

What do we call a Christian who is controlled by the Holy Spirit?

13. If you said, "A Spirit filled Christian," you are right. God commands His children to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This means they are to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Do you think that most Christians are controlled by the Holy Spirit?

14. We will talk about your answer in class.

What is God's command to every Christian?

15. Write out this week's memory verse - 1 Corinthians 6:19 - from memory.

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