

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON FIVE

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

- 1. Prepare to give from memory Luke 6:46.
- 2. Read and study John 15 - 21 using "My Daily Time With God" sheet. Make application of responses to God's Word.
- 3. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- 4. Complete all material in Lesson Five, "Claiming Jesus as My Life."
- 5. Read "Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit Filled Life?" (Obtain a copy from your discipler.)

TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson Four emphasizing our commitment to Christ's lordship. Discuss application.
- 2. Quote from memory Luke 6:46.
- 3. Discuss your Bible Study and Prayer Time and any applications or answers to prayer.
- 4. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- 5. Review Lesson Five. Emphasize the importance of knowing that you are filled with the Holy Spirit.
- 6. Go over "Checkout for Lesson Six". "Preparation" assignment is to be completed before we meet next time.

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

- 7. Close in prayer using your "Much Prayer-Much Power-Much Praise" prayer sheet.

DYNAMIC

--- Discipling ---

Lesson Five

CLAIMING JESUS AS MY LIFE

To know Jesus as my Savior is to know my sins are forgiven and that I am a child of God, possessing His "Eternal Life". To know Jesus as my Lord means that I acknowledge that I have been crucified with Christ and that I participated in His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, thus freeing me from slavery to sin's power. By faith I chose to appropriate Christ as "My Life" just as I received Christ as my Savior. I have been raised in newness of life to serve my new "Lord", Jesus Christ. His expectations are so high that for me to live this supernatural life He has called me to live requires supernatural resources. This also has been provided by God.

In this lesson we will learn about the Holy Spirit, and how we can let Jesus be our life by claiming the filling of the Holy Spirit by faith.

Accepting Christ means that we are raised to a heavenly level of life. Ephesians 2:6 states that we are seated right now at the right hand of God in Christ. We are there right now in Him! We are talking about entering into something experientially that is already ours positionally - the life of Christ. His life is received the day we are saved, but we need to enter into the fullness of Christ's life, into the Spirit-filled life, or the abundant life, as the Bible refers to it. (John 10:10)

As Christ's disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they received supernatural power that changed them from fearful men into radiant witnesses for Christ. They were used by God to change the course of history. And that power is available to you, to enable you to live a holy and fruitful life in Jesus Christ.

To claim Jesus as "My Life" is to stop trying to live for Christ or work for Him in the energy of the flesh. Like Paul, I must claim, "Not I, but Christ".

By whose power did Paul live and serve? Galatians 2:20 _____

Colossians 1:28, 29 _____

Christ gave the amazing promise, *"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. And I will do whatever you ask in my name. . ."* John 14:12,13a

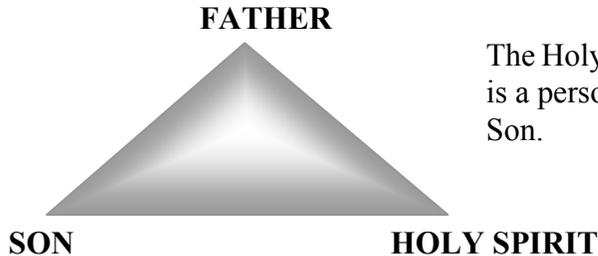
The Holy Spirit is the source of the supernatural life. To live this new life, we must understand who He is and how His power can be appropriated.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Read Acts 5:3, 4. Peter believed the Holy Spirit to be _____.

In John 14:16, Jesus called the Holy Spirit _____.

Matthew 28:19 says, "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*"



The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is a person equal in every way to the Father and the Son.

WHAT ARE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIFE?

John 3:5 _____

John 14:17 _____

John 14:26 _____

John 15:26 _____

John 16:13 _____

John 16:14 _____

Acts 1:8 _____

Romans 8:26 _____

To be filled with the Spirit is to abide in Christ.

WHY BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to glorify God. (John 16:1-15)

Read John 15:1-8

How is God glorified in our life? (v.5) _____

When we bear spiritual fruit, what does it prove? (v.8)

Can we produce spiritual fruit apart from Christ? (v.5) _____

Just as a mature branch produces more fruit than a young branch, so we will produce more spiritual fruit as we mature.

What does the farmer do to get the vine to be more fruitful? (v.2)

What might God do in our lives to make us more fruitful?

What fruit does the Holy Spirit produce in a life under His control?

Galatians 5:22, 23 _____

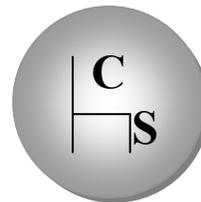
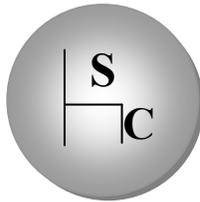
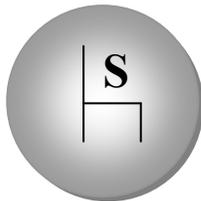
Fruit trees do not produce fruit trees; they produce fruit. The fruit (seeds) produce fruit trees. Likewise, the Holy Spirit produces spiritual fruit in our life. What will be the result of that fruit?

Matthew 4:19 _____

WHY IS IT THAT MANY CHRISTIANS ARE NOT PRODUCING THIS KIND OF FRUIT?

1 Corinthians 2:14 - 3:3 identifies natural, carnal (worldly) and spiritual people. Match these circles with the three kinds of people described.

C = Christ S = Self



C

* Adapted from the booklet "Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit-Filled Life?" by Dr. Bill Bright. Read the Booklet for further details.

The natural person has not received Christ. He directs his own life and while he may be doing his best to live right, his life is often filled with discord and frustration.

The carnal (worldly) person has Christ living in his life but he is insisting on running his own life. Like the natural man, he experiences much discord and frustration.

The spiritual person has invited Christ to live in him to direct and empower him. The result is a fruitful life that will glorify God.

How does 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 describe the carnal Christian?

What is the solution to carnality? Galatians 5:16 _____

Maturity will come as we walk in the Spirit, allowing Him to empower us moment by moment. It is God's goal and purpose that we should be con-formed to His image (Romans 8:29). If we are going to know this conformity, we have to experience His cross and His resurrection so that by the Holy Spirit, Christ can become our life initially, as well as daily. We must let Him do the living, so that He can work unhindered through our lives.

An attitude of un-confessed sin will hinder the work of the Holy Spirit in our life.

What must we do about un-confessed sin? 1 John 1:9 _____

Is there any sin (attitude or action) in your life at this time that you need to confess? If necessary pause now and confess it. By faith thank God for His forgiveness because of Jesus Christ's death on the cross for you.

BY FAITH CLAIM THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

What is faith? Hebrews 11:1 _____

Why is faith so important? Hebrews 11:6 _____

What does God promise in 1 John 5:14, 15? _____

What is His command in Ephesians 5:18? _____

Is it God's will that you be directed by the Spirit? _____

If you ask Him to direct your life, will He? _____

How do you know? _____

This is one way to ask God in faith to direct your life.

“Dear Lord, I have sinned against You by directing my own life. Thank You for forgiving my sins. I now ask You to take complete control of my life. In faith, I now claim the Holy Spirit's power and control and I thank You for directing me.”

Do you want to give the Holy Spirit permission to direct your life? _____

If so, pray this prayer in faith and claim His fullness.

Did you ask the Holy Spirit to direct your life? _____

Is He now in control of your life? _____

How do you know? _____

We receive Jesus Christ as our Savior **by faith**. How then are we to live "In Christ"
Colossians 2: 6.

Being filled with the Spirit is a daily experience. There are many fillings. In the Greek language, in which the command of Ephesians 5:18 was originally written, this command of God means to be constantly and continually filled, directed and empowered with the Holy Spirit as a way of life.

BY FAITH WALK IN THE SPIRIT

To walk in the Spirit, is to consciously allow the Holy Spirit to live His life in you throughout each day.

If you become aware of anything in your life (attitude or action) that is displeasing to God, thank God that He has forgiven your sins - past, present and future - because of Christ's death on the cross for you. By faith claim His love and forgiveness and continue to walk with Him.

WHAT IF YOU AGAIN TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE?

To control your own life is to choose to sin and disobey God. Whenever the Holy Spirit makes you aware of sin in your life:

1. Confess your sin - agree with God concerning it and thank Him and claim His forgiveness according to 1 John 1:9.
Confession involves repentance (changing your attitude and action)

2. Claim the fullness of the Holy Spirit by faith. Trust that He is now directing and empowering your life, according to the **command** of Ephesians 5:18 and the **promise** of 1 John 5:14,15.

HOW TO LET JESUS BE “YOUR LIFE”

Don't try to live the Christian life. It can't be done! Instead, let *Christ in you* do the living. Ask, “*Lord Jesus, what would you do?*” Then do what He would do. This may seem impossible for you, so simply say, “*Lord I can't, but you can. I am willing to step out and do it, but You will have to do it through me*”. Trust the Holy Spirit to empower you.

APPLICATION

FORGIVE OTHERS

Read Ephesians 4:32. What are we commanded to do? _____

Are there some you need to forgive? If so list their names.

Jesus has already forgiven them as He has forgiven you. By **faith** do what Jesus would do. The Holy Spirit will empower you to forgive each one.

LOVE OTHERS

Read John 15:12, 13. What are we commanded to do?

How did Jesus show His love for you? _____

Make a list of people whom you do not like. You may need to include your own name on this list.

Does Jesus love these people? _____

Will you allow Him to love each one through you? _____

Choose one name and ask yourself "How might Jesus love that person through me?"

Jesus would _____

The fruit of the Spirit is love (Galatians 5:22, 23). By faith, **do** what Jesus would do. The Holy Spirit will empower you to love him/her.

Read 1 Corinthians 13. Claim that kind of love for God, others and even for yourself.

SHARE CHRIST WITH OTHERS

Read Luke 19:10. What was Jesus' purpose in coming to earth?

When we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, what will result? Acts 1:8

Make a list of people you know who need to understand about the love and forgiveness of God.

Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with each one. Choose one name, and by faith make plans to witness to that person.

I will trust the Holy Spirit to empower me to share the gospel with

_____. When? _____

(How to witness will be covered in Lesson Eight. Your discipler is also available to help you.)

Remember, you are **In Christ**; He is **In You** to live and do what He wants. The Holy Spirit will empower you to live the **Christ Life**. What an opportunity! What potential! Don't waste a moment of it.

ADDITIONAL STUDY ON THIS TOPIC

IN CHRIST I AM:

1. Victorious. I Corinthians 15:57
2. Strong in the Lord. Ephesians 6:10
3. More than a conqueror. Romans 8:37
4. Alive with Christ. Ephesians 2:5
5. Qualified to share in His inheritance. Colossians 1:12
6. In the world in the same way as He is in the world. I John 4:17
7. His faithful follower. Revelations 17:14b, Ephesians 5:1
8. Overtaken with blessings. Deuteronomy 28:2, Ephesians 1:3
9. The light of the world. Matthew 5:14
10. The salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13
11. The righteousness of God. II Corinthians 5:21
12. A partaker of His Divine Nature. II Peter 1:4
13. An ambassador for Christ. II Corinthians 5:20
14. God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works. Ephesians 2:10
15. The apple of my Father's eye. Deuteronomy 32:10, Psalm 17:8
16. Being changed into His image. II Corinthians 3:18, Philippians 1:6
17. One with the Father and the Son. John 17:21-23
18. A partaker of the mind of Christ. Philippians 2:5, I Corinthians 2:16
19. Filled with the peace of God which passes all understanding. Philippians 4:7
20. Able to live by and in the law of the Spirit of Life. Romans 8:2
21. Able to walk in Christ Jesus. Colossians 2:6
22. Able to be content in all circumstances. Philippians 4:11-13
23. Able to do even greater works than Christ Jesus. John 14:12
24. Pressing toward the goal of the prize of the high calling of God. Philippians 3:14
25. Showing forth His praise. I Peter 2:9

MY DAILY TIME WITH GOD

Week of _____ to _____ 19 ____

This Week's Memory Verse: (Review Each Day)

_____ Reference: _____

Day 1 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 2 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 3 Bible Reading Reference _____

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 4 Bible Reading Reference

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me

My Response Is _____

Day 5 Bible Reading Reference

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me _____

My Response Is _____

Day 6 Bible Reading Reference

Most Meaningful Verse _____

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me

My Response Is _____

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Topic _____

Date _____ Speaker _____

Scripture Reference _____

List Main Points and Key Thoughts for Each

What Impressed Me Was _____

God is Teaching Me

My Response Is _____

CHECKOUT FOR LESSON SIX

To complete this lesson I will: (check when completed)

PREPARATION

- 1. Prepare to give from memory Galatians 2:20.
- 2. Read and study James 1 - 5 and Proverbs 1 & 2 using "My Daily Time With God" sheet. Make application of responses to God's Word.
- 3. Take notes on the Pastor's sermon. Use the Message Outline.
- 4. Complete all material in Lesson Six, "Spiritual Warfare."

TO BE COMPLETED WITH DISCIPLER

- 1. Briefly review main points of Lesson Five. Check your understanding of the Spirit-filled life. Discuss application.
- 2. Quote from memory Galatians 2:20.
- 3. Discuss your Bible Study and Prayer Time and any applications or answers to prayer.
- 4. Discuss notes taken on Pastor's sermon.
- 5. Review Lesson Six emphasizing the authority of the believer in Christ.
- 6. Go over "Checkout for Lesson Seven". "Preparation" assignment is to be completed before we meet next time.

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

- 7. Close in prayer using your "Much Prayer-Much Power-Much Praise" prayer sheet.