



The Heart of the Matter

There's a lot of confusion within the Christian family about what it means to be "filled with the Spirit." Fortunately, God's Word can guide us as we seek to answer these questions. We know that the Spirit indwells every believer when he or she accepts God's free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. We also know that God commands us to be filled with the Spirit and to yield to His control—Scripture often illustrates the effects that the Holy Spirit has on believers' lives. And as we begin to study what traditionally has been a confusing and divisive issue among Christians, may we be careful to treat others with love and grace.



Discovering the Way

1. The Key to the Christian Life (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

When we are saved, we yield control of our lives to Christ. He has bought us with a price, and as a result, He sends the Holy Spirit to those who believe.

2. The Fuel for the Christian Life (Ephesians 5:18)

Let's look at four key principles as we seek to understand what it means to be filled by the Spirit and four results of being filled by the Spirit.



Starting Your Journey

As we seek to live lives filled with the Spirit, we need to remember three points: First, *abnormal experiences are not necessary to Christian maturity*; second, *the fullness of the Spirit is all of ours to enjoy*; and third, *we should seek to enjoy the vast common ground among believers*.



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