

Growth Track

Module 2: What Is My Purpose
Student's Notes

Lesson Two - Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Key Takeaway

You can seek to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Introduction

1. The Holy Spirit is one of three persons in the Trinity.
2. He dwells in every believer and empowers us to live victoriously.
3. On our own, we can never live an overcoming life. However, with the Holy Spirit, we can!

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 Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

I. THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth (John 16:13).

The Holy Spirit sanctifies us and gives us life (Titus 3:5; Romans 8:11).

The Holy Spirit gives us assurance that God loves us (Romans 5:5).

The Holy Spirit gives us wisdom and revelation (1 Corinthians 2:13).

The Holy Spirit helps us live out God's purposes:

1. Obeying God and live righteously (Ezekiel 36:27)
2. Witnessing for Christ (Acts 1:8)
3. Guiding our decisions (Acts 13:2)
4. Serving and helping others (Isaiah 61:1)

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The Holy Spirit enables us:

He strengthens us to live an overcoming life, gives us freedom and empowers us with everything we need for victory (Ephesians 3:16).

The Holy Spirit is our witness:

He gives us a conviction that God lives in us (1 John 3:24), and that we are children of God (Romans 8:16).

The Holy Spirit produces fruit in us (Galatians 5:25-26).

If we are being continually filled and controlled by the Spirit, we will exhibit all the aspects of the fruit of the Spirit.

II. THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

There are nine “fruit of the spirit” (these are the effects He produces in our lives) recorded in Galatians 5:22-23 which are essential for us to be effective in ministry.

**Read the Annex for fruit of the Spirit.*

As we are involved in ministry, God will grant us the anointing and gifts through His Spirit to minister to His people.

However, we can be very gifted in whatever we are doing but without the fruit of the Spirit, we would not be truly effective in ministry (1 Corinthians 13:1-2).

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III. THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

To be baptised is to be completely immersed in something.

It is God's promise to fill us with His power (Luke 24:49).

Jesus himself was filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22).

1. Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit and also led by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1).
2. Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit after fasting in the wilderness (Luke 4:14).
3. Jesus performed miracles in the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38).
4. If we are to live like Christ, we, too, must be filled with the Holy Spirit.

IV. HOW WE RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

By hearing the word of God, believing it, and repenting (Acts 2:38-39)

By believing God wants to fill us with the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

By asking God to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

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V. THE EVIDENCE OF HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

The ability to speak in tongues (Acts 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:1-7, 1 Corinthians 14:14).

The power of the Holy Spirit moving in our own lives.

Conclusion

1. The Holy Spirit is vital in our Christian walk with God. He will mould us to be more like Christ and empower us to be His witnesses.
2. Without the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish nothing. With Him, we will surely be victorious in this life!