

Sermon Notes for March 15, 2015

**Marks Of A Disciple Of Jesus Sermon Series**  
**“A Disciple Of Jesus Walks In The Holy Spirit”**  
**John 14:17-31**

Introduction

- A. **We Continue Our Sermon Series On The Marks Of A Disciple Of Jesus**
1. Why are we preaching a sermon series on The Marks of a Disciple?
    - a. Jesus was a “discipler” Himself
      1. He met closely with 12 men over 3 years
      2. He then spent more time with 3 men; Peter, James and John
      3. and, He apparently spent the most time with one man; John
    - b. as Jesus left this earth, He told His disciples “to disciple as He had disciplined” **Matthew 28:19 – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”**
      1. to minister “in the same way” that **He** did while on this earth
      2. ultimately, Jesus was and is the **LITERAL MODEL OF HOW TO DO MINISTRY ON THIS EARTH; AND IT IS THE MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP.**
    - c. it is as if Jesus was modeling for us this question: **WHAT DO YOU HAVE IF YOU MERELY HAVE FOLLOWERS?**
      1. some churches rise and fall on the personalities of Preachers
      2. how many churches have closed when a popular Preacher leave a church and was not followed by a man as gifted?
      3. **THE REAL, ACTUAL, BIBLICAL MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH IS TO HELP DEVELOP DISCIPLES WHO:**
        - a. are in love with Jesus
        - b. want to be like Jesus
        - c. want to serve Jesus
  2. As I have said before, you don’t hear very much today about being a disciple of Jesus
    - a. an attender; yes
    - b. a follower; yes
    - c. but, not a disciple
    - d. for, being a disciple of Jesus is not easy
      1. it requires all that you have  
**Luke 9:23-24 – “Then He said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.”**
      2. for some of Jesus’ disciples, it has required their very lives

**B. Today, We Will Look At The Disciple Of Jesus' Need To Walk In The Power And Presence Of The Holy Spirit**

1. there seem to be **two extremes** in the Body Of Christ regarding the Holy Spirit:
  - a. people are running **to** the Holy Spirit
    1. expecting to see signs and wonders
    2. wanting to see a movement of the Spirit
    3. and, criticizing those who are not looking and experiencing the same thing
  - b. people are running **away from** the Holy Spirit
    1. I think that there is a great fear of the Holy Spirit in many conservative, evangelical churches
      - a. after all, we call this third person of the Trinity:
        1. the Holy Spirit
        2. the Holy Ghost
      - b. to many, the Holy Spirit seems so “unpredictable;” so “fluid”
      - c. that is why I have said for years; that the “Trinity” of the fundamental church is:
        1. God the Father
        2. God the Son
        3. **and God the Holy Bible**
        4. not, God, the Holy Spirit
    2. let me ask **you** a question: “When **you** think of the Holy Spirit, do you think of the Holy Spirit as an “**it**” or a “**He?**”
      - a. most of the people that ask this question say; “it”
      - b. it almost as if believers think of the Holy Spirit as a gigantic computer
        1. the movie; “Her”: tells of a lonely man who is getting divorced
          - a. he purchases a very complicated computer with a verbal, relational operating system
          - b. over time, the lonely man and the operating system; named Samantha; develop a deep, deep relationship
          - c. the man can tell the computer everything; it is almost as if they were “dating”
          - d. and yet, “she” was still a computer
        2. **J.I. Packer – “Christian people are not in doubt as to the work that Christ did; they know that He redeemed men by His atoning death, even if they differ among themselves as to what exactly this involved. But the average Christian is in a complete fog as to what work the Holy Spirit does.”**

**C. Today, I Want The Disciple Of Jesus To See The Critical Nature Of A Daily, Ongoing Relationship With The Holy Spirit**

1. we will see today the need that the disciple of Jesus has of the Holy Spirit
2. and that, **HE**, will always be there for the believer

## I. The Disciple Of Jesus Experiences The Holy Spirit AS THE PARACLETE

### A. The Disciples Of Jesus Feared That They Were Being Abandoned

1. in this text, the disciples became fearful, because Jesus had just shared some very difficult news with them

**John 14:1-4** – “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I am going there to prepare a place for you.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

**You know the way to the place where I am going."**

- a. after three years of ministry and service together...
  - b. after leaving their jobs and security...
  - c. after learning a whole new way of life and thinking
  - d. their Master and mentor told His disciple that He would be leaving them
  - e. the assumption of all of the disciples, obviously, was that they would be left **ALONE; EVEN ABANDONED**
    1. Like the baby sea turtles that are hatched near the ocean, most will not make it
    2. the disciples obviously fear their future
2. The disciples expressed their fear.

**Vs. 5** – “Thomas said to him, "**Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"**

- a. after all of the times the disciples had spent with Jesus, they **still** didn't understand His mission
- b. it was as if they had no real idea who Jesus actually was
- c. it was as if they were hearing Jesus' words for the first time
  1. imagine a father telling his young children that he is divorcing their mother
  2. or a parent is dying of cancer and they are saying their goodbys
  3. as far as the disciples were concerned, when a person leaves, **THEY LEAVE!**
    - a. they knew nothing about a Counselor, a Holy Spirit
    - b. as far as they were concerned, Jesus was leaving them and wasn't coming back!

### B. The Disciples Of Jesus Found Out That Their Fears Were Unfounded

1. **HOWEVER**, Jesus informed the disciples that they would **NOT** be left alone.

**Vs. 16** – “and I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Counselor** to be with you forever—“

- a. The **meaning** of the word; counselor
  1. The **Greek** word; **parakletos**
    - a. para – alongside

- b. kletos
    - 1. one who is called out
    - 2. one called alongside of
  - c. The Greeks understood this word as it was used in a court of law
    - 1. one who would be called out if you had to go to a court of law
    - 2. one who would help defend you
  - d. Also, to the Greek, the word paraklete was an ancient warrior's term
    - 1. Greek soldiers went into battle in pairs, called a paracletos
    - 2. when the enemy attacked, the two soldiers would draw together back-to-back, covering each other's blind side
    - 3. thus. one's battle partner was called a paraclete
2. The **Latin** word for comfort - **comfortis**
- a. cum – with
  - b. fortis
    - 1. fortification
    - 2. fortress
    - 3. strength
  - c. I love what **John Stott** said of the application of this word:  
**“This word represented a ramrod down your backbone to make you stand for the truth.”**
- b. The **application** of the word; counselor
- 1. so, **NOT** only would the disciples **NOT** be left alone
  - 2. They would **ACTUALLY** be provided a lawyer, an advocate, a helper, a comforter, who would come up alongside of them when they were in need
2. **FROM THE TEXT, WE WILL SEE THAT JESUS WAS ACTUALLY TELLING HIS DISCIPLES THAT THIS HELPER WOULD DEAL WITH THE DISCIPLES “JUST LIKE HE DID!”**
- a. When Jesus spoke of “another counselor,” He did **not** use the greek word: **heteros**
    - 1. a counselor of a **“different kind”**
      - a. as if, the counselor who would “follow” Him and serve His disciples, would be “like Jesus,” but different
      - b. if I said that I was going to give each person in this room an apple
        - 1. some got Red Delicious apples
        - 2. but, others got Honey Crisp apples
        - 3. these apples would be **“heteros,”** all apples, but of a “different kind”
    - 2. the disciples loved Jesus and did not want any “another leader” but Him

- b. Instead, Jesus used the greek word, **allos**
  - 1. of the **“same kind”**
  - 2. in other words, the Counselor who would follow Jesus would **BE JUST LIKE HIM BECAUSE JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE THE SAME!**
  - 3. ultimately, Jesus could have asked the disciples:
    - a. haven't **I** always been there for you?
    - b. haven't **I** always loved you?
    - c. haven't **I** always guided you?
    - d. well, gentlemen, when **I** leave, **NOTHING WILL CHANGE!**

## II. The Disciple Of Jesus Experiences The Holy Spirit AS A PRESENCE

### A. In Actuality, The Disciples Would Be CLOSER to Jesus AFTER HE DEPARTED!

- 1. In all reality, after Jesus left, the disciples would be much, much “closer” to Jesus than they were at the moment they were actually physically standing with Jesus!
  - a. Look at these verses:
    - 1. Vs. **16** – “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be **WITH** you forever”
      - a. the Greek word – **meta**
      - b. He will be **among; in the middle of you**, all of the time
    - 2. Vs. **17b** – “But you know Him for He lives **WITH** you”
      - a. the Greek word - **par**
      - b. He will be **by** you
      - c. beside you
    - 3. Vs **17c** – “and, will be **IN** you”
      - a. the Greek word - **en**
      - b. the preposition in; within; or inside
  - b. **Look at the *three greek words* together:**
    - 1. Jesus was using all three greek words to describe how “present” He would be with His disciples after He left them:
      - a. He wanted them to **fully understand** that not only would He be **“around”** and **“with** them”
      - b. He would literally be **IN THEIR VERY SOULS!**
      - c. At this point in their spiritual lives, the disciples were actually more “limited” with Jesus being physically there than they would be when He would leave them!
      - d. For, when Jesus left this earth, He would send this counselor **TO BE IN THEM!**
        - 1. If Jesus just used **only** the word; **“with.”**
          - a. that limited Jesus from being only “around” them
          - b. and not within them

2. If Jesus used **only** the word “**by**”
  - a. He would merely be “by” them
  - b. alongside of them
3. If Jesus used **only** the word “**in**”
  - a. That “limited” Jesus **to** their physical bodies
  - b. and, Jesus was more than merely “in” them
  - c. He would be all “around” them as well.
- e. **Kent Hughes** - The logic of our text tells us that having the “Counselor” or, as in some translations, “Helper” (the Holy Spirit), is the same as having Jesus physically accessible, **only better. Imagine that the physical Jesus is in Jerusalem.** All the airlines would be applying for routes to the Middle East. You would not be able to book a seat on a plane. Steamers, passenger liners, the trains of Europe and Asia would all be moving toward Jerusalem. And even if we ever managed to get close to where Jesus was, there would be long convoys and great crowds of people. **We would come to see Jesus, but it would be nearly impossible to get within an arm’s reach of Him.”**

- B. The Fact Of What Jesus Was Saying Is That The Disciples Would Be CONTINUALLY With Jesus, EVEN AFTER HE LEFT THEM!**
- Vs. 16** – “He will give you another Counselor **who will be with you forever**”
1. **WHAT AN “IMPROVEMENT” THIS WOULD BE FOR THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES!**
    - a. not only would The Holy Spirit to be “with” and “in” them
    - b. **The Holy Spirit WOULD NEVER LEAVE THEM!**
  2. This is the **MAJESTY** of the Trinity – (some called it the “Economic Trinity”)
    - a. The **task** of the Father: **The Father** creates and sustains the world
    - b. The **task** of the Son: **Jesus** comes to this earth to die for the sins of man and returns to heaven to intercede for them
    - c. And then, the **task** of the Holy Spirit: **the Holy Spirit ENTERS OUR VERY BODIES** to abide and dwell in our very souls!
  3. I love what early church Father; **Tertullian**, said of the Trinity; – “**Imagine God the Father as the sun, the source of all light and life. God the Son is akin to the sunbeam going forth from God, bringing light and truth. God the Holy Spirit is the warmth of the sunbeam striking one’s face. And yet, the sunbeam touching the face is intimately bound to the sun from which it sprang.**”
  4. **BELIEVER, DO YOU REALIZE WHAT JESUS WAS SAYING TO HIS DISCIPLES AND TO YOU?**
    - a. Through the power of the Spirit, **GOD IS LIVING WITHIN YOU!**

- b. **AND HE WILL BE WITH YOU FOREVER!**  
**J. B. Phillips – Plain Christianity** – “Every time we say, I believe in the Holy Spirit, we mean that we believe that there is a living God **able and willing to enter human personality and change it.**”
- c. **SO, GOD IS ALWAYS IN YOUR LIFE!**
  - 1. **WHY, OH WHY DON’T WE REALIZE THAT?**
  - 2. **AND WHY, OH WHY, DON’T WE LIVE AS IF THAT WERE TRUE!**
  - 3. my experience flying to mission trips
- d. If you want to experience the Holy Spirit as His disciple, you must realize how **“present”** the Holy Spirit is in your life
  - 1. **HE IS ALWAYS THERE!**
    - a. at 2:00 in the morning
    - b. while driving in your car to work
    - c. when you are on a walk or a run
    - d. after hearing that you have lost your job or that your Doctor has told you that you have a suspicious mole on your back
  - 2. God is always there; **INSIDE OF YOU!**

### **III. The Disciple Of Jesus Experiences The Holy Spirit AS THE PEDAGOGUE**

#### **A. Jesus’ Ministry Of Teaching His Disciples Would Continue After He Departed**

- 1. After three years of being taught by Jesus, the disciples must have thought; **who** would teach them if Jesus were not there any longer?
- 2. Jesus said to them; as He had taught the disciples, the Holy Spirit would **ALSO** continue to teach the disciples
  - a. Believers, do you realize that you need the Holy Spirit to teach you?
  - b. Many believers mistakenly think that **THEY** must teach themselves; that it is “all on you”
  - c. bad golfers teach themselves how to play and it shows
  - d. **NO; the Holy Spirit** must teach us  
 The great missionary-evangelist, **E. Stanley Jones**, told of a missionary lost in an African jungle. After wandering in the bush for hours on end, he finally happened upon a native hut. To the missionary’s great relief, the tribesman agreed to lead him to civilization. **For more than an hour, the native cut and hacked his way through the dense undergrowth.** Finally, worried that perhaps his guide was unreliable, the missionary said to him, **“Are you quite sure this is the way? I see no path.”** “Bwana” the native answered. **“In this place there is no path. I am the path. Follow me!”**

#### **B. Jesus’ Ministry Of Teaching Would Be Complete**

- 1. Notice the **two areas** that the Holy Spirit will teach us as His disciples
  - a. **He will TEACH you all things**

**Vs. 26** – “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you all things** and will remind you of everything I have said to you”

1. have you ever noticed **WHAT** the Scripture says that the Holy Spirit teaches us? **He:**
  - a. **regenerates** us
  - b. **convicts** us of sin
  - c. **comforts** us
  - d. **manifests** Jesus in us
  - e. **empowers** us to witness
  - f. **changes** our character
  - g. **puts to death** evil desires
  - h. **teaches** us how to pray
2. **how** does the Holy Spirit teach **us**?
  - a. through **His written word; the Bible**
    1. if the disciple of Jesus desires to be taught, he must spend time in God’s Word
      - a. not a minute or two a day
      - b. but, an uninterrupted time of meditation
      - c. like a tea bag in the tea; soaked
    2. **DON’T EXPECT TO LEARN OF GOD IF YOU ARE NOT IN GOD’S WORD!**
  - b. through **His living Word; Jesus Himself**
    1. in addition to being taught when you are reading God’s Word, the Holy Spirit will bring to mind new thoughts and ideas even when you are not reading God’s Word
    2. a new teaching will dawn on you
    3. how many times that has happened to me as a believer:
      - a. driving
      - b. shopping
      - c. flying
      - d. waiting in a Doctor’s office
3. how has the Holy Spirit taught **me**?
  - a. I think about what I knew before I became a Christian
    1. 20 year high school reunion – voted the least changed
    2. When in actuality, I was the most changed of everyone there
  - b. Most of what I have learned as a Christian has been **in addition** to what I have learned in the Bible
    1. but, you **must** be “in the Word” for those moments to happen
    2. you **must** be in “good spiritual shape” to learn these things
    3. it is somewhat like being a runner
      - a. when a person is “out of shape,” if he has to immediately run to get away from a dog—he will collapse
      - b. however, when a person is in good shape physically, he can respond in a moment to run,

- c. likewise, the disciple of Jesus must be in “spiritual shape” if he is to learn of Jesus Christ through life’s various experiences
- b. **He will REMIND you of all things**  
**Vs. 26** – “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and **will remind you** of everything I have said to you.”
1. Not only would the Holy Spirit teach Jesus’ disciples, He would teach them again and again the same truth!
  2. Not only do we learn from our teachers, initially; but our teachers must go over and over truths UNTIL we get it!
    - a. me and math
      1. always over my head; physics, chemistry, math tutor
      2. for me, there was always a tutor
    - b. let me tell you how God has taught me patience as His disciple?
      1. Do you, like me, ever feel that you have a “**spiritual learning disability?**”
      2. **THIS IS THE MEANING OF ROMANS 5:3-5** – “Not only so, but we also **rejoice in our sufferings**, because we know that **suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope**. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”
        - a. suffering gets our attention
        - b. we persevere and see God move
        - c. our character changes
        - d. so much so that we have a great hope that He **will pull** us through – **JUST LIKE HE DID THE LAST TIME!**

#### IV. The Disciple Of Jesus Experiences The Holy Spirit AS THE PEACEMAKER

##### A. The Disciples of Jesus NEEDED Peace

**Vs. 27** – “**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you**. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

1. The last thing that Jesus said to His disciples regarding His departure was that He would leave them with peace
  - a. After all, look at EVERYTHING they had just heard regarding Jesus’ upcoming departure
    1. He would be leaving them
    2. from what Jesus had just told them, they thought that their world was about to be turned upside down
  - b. because of this, Jesus **knew** that His disciples needed some encouraging words so, He gave it to them
2. please notice what “**kind of peace**” Jesus would give them:
  - a. It was **NOT** be **the peace of this world!**
    1. Does the world give peace?

- a. ABSOLUTELY, the world gives peace
- b. Jesus Himself said that this world gives peace
  - 1. The Romans called it the Pax Romana; 200 years of peace between 27 B.C. and 180 A.D.
  - 2. Rome had “earned” this peace for it’s citizens by their swords
- c. but, what **is** the world’s peace?
  - 1. The world’s peace is based on what I can see and experience:
    - a. money
    - b. houses
    - c. security
    - d. health
    - e. success
    - f. Don’t tell me that people aren’t happy when they:
      - 1. Win a million dollars on Survivor
      - 2. Win a national championship in football
      - 3. Get married
      - 4. Have a baby
      - 5. Win the lottery
  - 2. in actuality, the world’s peace is spelled; piece
    - a. as long as you have a piece of the pie
    - b. you will have peace in your life
- b. it **WAS the peace of the Holy Spirit**
  - 1. this peace would be a gift **FROM JESUS HIMSELF**
    - a. It would not be something that the disciples could create or work for
    - b. notice the peace that Jesus would leave them
      - 1. **“peace, I leave with you”**
        - a. to let go of; to yield
        - b. to leave when departing
        - c. **Present Active Indicative**
      - 2. **“my peace I give you”**
        - a. to bestow; grant
        - b. to furnish; to give someone as their own
        - c. **Present Active Indicative**
  - 2. the peace that Jesus experienced **Himself** was a peace, **DESPITE**:
    - a. All of the accusations made against Him
    - b. No place to lay His head at night
    - c. The fact that He knew that He was about to be arrested, beaten and crucified and **STILL BE AT PEACE!**
    - d. Our lives are not always “peaceful”
 

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer** was a German pastor and theologian who died in a Nazi concentration camp because he confessed Christ, and not the Fuhrer, as Lord. He wrote in one of his journals of night when his own strength was sapped and the Holy Spirit came to see him through. “I vividly recall that night of torture, and how I prayed to God

that he might send death to deliver me because of the hopelessness and pain I felt I could no longer endure. How I wrestled with God that night and finally, in my great need, crept to him weeping. **Not until morning did a great peace come to me, a blissful awareness of light, strength, and warmth, bringing with it the conviction that I must see this thing through. Solace in woe. This is the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, which enables a man to live and endure.**

**B. We, As His Disciples, NEED This Same Peace That Jesus Left With His Disciples**

1. my question is: Why was Jesus mentioning peace in the midst of telling His disciples about the Holy Spirit?
2. let me ask you;
  - a. what is it that **every person on this planet** wants more than anything else?
    1. is it really money, fortune or fame?
    2. if you ask me; it is peace
      - a. and, if you ask me; it is peace within
      - b. it is a peace from the internal turmoil; the struggle with finances; sickness and eventual death
      - c. “Oh, if I could just find some peace.”
      - d. in my opinion, this is what drugs are all about:
        1. **I take a pill** and fell some peace
        2. **I smoke a joint** and I get some peace
        3. **I get drunk** and I get some peace
        4. I watch TV for hours on end and get some peace
        5. I commit suicide and get some peace
  - b. **ULTIMATELY**, the disciple of Jesus needs internal peace just as much as anything else in their lives
    1. how do you **serve** without His peace?
    2. how do you **pray** without His peace?
    3. how do you **spend time** in His word without peace?
3. let me give you a good illustration of how we can be at peace --
 

**1998 – Tennessee National Championship year**

  - a. **September 6, 1997** – Tennessee - UCLA game
    1. Parade All American Punter, freshman, **David Leaverton**, had punted a 71 yarder
    2. but, then David later shanked a punt from UCLA’s end zone
    3. after that, he had a horrible game
    4. David would not punt again that whole year
  - b. our family developed a close relationship with David for the rest of his time at UT

- c. and, then came the National Championship game on January 4, 1999
  1. play video with legendary announcer, Keith Jackson, calling his final game; UT won 23-6
  2. **Wikipedia** – “While Tennessee limited Peter Warrick when the Seminoles were on offense, Warrick was still successful in the return game. One memorable play, however, saw Tennessee punter, David Leaverton, make an open field tackle on Warrick. Had Warrick gotten past Leaverton, he would have most likely scored a touchdown. **Instead, the Seminoles were held scoreless on the drive and ended up losing by seven points, the same number saved by the tackle.**”
  3. I am sure that you smiled as you saw that replay **BECAUSE YOU ALREADY KNEW THE OUTCOME OF THE GAME!**
  4. this is the “kind of peace” that Jesus gives to each of His disciples
    - a. yes, we are watching life transpire before us and we may get fearful and worried
    - b. but, we know the “outcome of the game”; Jesus wins.

### Conclusion

1. Do you know why you may be failing in the Christian life?
  - a. You are walking alone; trying to live the Christian life in your own power
  - b. and yet, the disciple of Jesus is never called to walk alone in this life
  - c. one of the real drawbacks by an American Christian is that:
    1. we believe that we don’t need anybody!
    2. we can take care of our own life
    3. **“Well, how’s that working for you?”**
2. The Lord Jesus Christ did **NOT** leave His disciples on this earth to “fend for themselves”
  - a. no, He left us a companion; a friend; an encourager, to walk with us through life
  - b. He left us a mentor; a “discipler,” one who would teach us about life
    1. and when we forget, He will remind us until we “get it”
    2. and, He never loses patience with us when we don’t “get it” the first time
  - c. and, all the while, He gives us an overwhelming, unbelievable, unceasing sense of His peace as we go through this life
3. Let me close with some steps for the disciple of Jesus about how to be filled with the Holy Spirit:
  - a. **confess your sins “regularly”**
  - b. **give your heart to Jesus**
    1. if you are “already” filled with anger, how will the Holy Spirit fill you?
    2. if you are “already” filled with pride, how will the Holy Spirit fill you?
    3. **Dwight Moody** – “I believe firmly that the moment our hearts are **emptied of pride and selfishness and ambition and everything that is contrary to God’s law, the Holy Spirit will fill every corner of our hearts.** But if we

are full of pride and conceit and ambition and the world, **there is no room for the Spirit of God. We must be emptied before we can be filled.**”

**c. ask the Holy Spirit to fill you**

**1. PLEASE REALIZE THAT YOU DON'T FILL YOURSELF!**

**Ephesians 5:18-20** – “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. **Instead, be filled with the Spirit.** Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

a. “Be filled”

1. present – be filled every day
2. **passive** – be filled “by” God (we are passive in this)
3. imperative – it is a command

b. look for the evidence of the filling of the Spirit

1. your heart will sing
2. you will be thankful to God

2. You will know when you are filled with the Spirit.

**d. stay in God's Word**

**e. ask Him to use you**

**4. Finally, realize your part in the filling of God's Holy Spirit**

**I Thessalonians 5:19** – “Do not quench the Spirit.”

a. versions

1. **NIV** – “Do not quench the Spirit.”
2. **New NIV** – “Do not put out the Spirit's fire.”

b. quench:

1. extinguish
2. to suppress
3. to stifle

**c. Present Active Imperative**