

**THE LIFE OF PRAYER**  
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***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***  
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

**John 4:24** “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in **spirit and truth.**”

“... in spirit and truth” - ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείᾳ

Corrected translation - “...by means of the ***Filling of the Holy Spirit and Truth***”

***Spirit and Truth must be a balanced equation.***

Spirit	Truth
πνεῦμα	ἀληθεία
PNEUMA	ALETHEIA
Filling of God the Holy Spirit	Metabolized Bible Doctrine

- If one’s view of **filling** is limited to **fellowship**, he will never experience how supernatural his spiritual life is in *this Church Age*.
  - ✓ **Rather** – you will be depending upon yourself and that negates actuating the divine ability to execute this *unique spiritual life* for the glory of God.
  - ✓ You must come to the place where you realize that you are in the passenger seat and God is in the driver’s seat.

The Spirit’s filling is not a receiving of the Holy Spirit since that was accomplished as a part of salvation, nor is it a receiving of more of the Spirit. He is a Person and no person is subject to subdivision, nor could a person be more or less present in any given location. By a more complete release to Him of the believer’s life and being, the Holy Spirit, who indwells the believer, may secure a **larger sphere of manifestation**. To be filled with the Spirit is to have the Spirit fulfilling all that He came into the heart to do. <sup>1</sup>

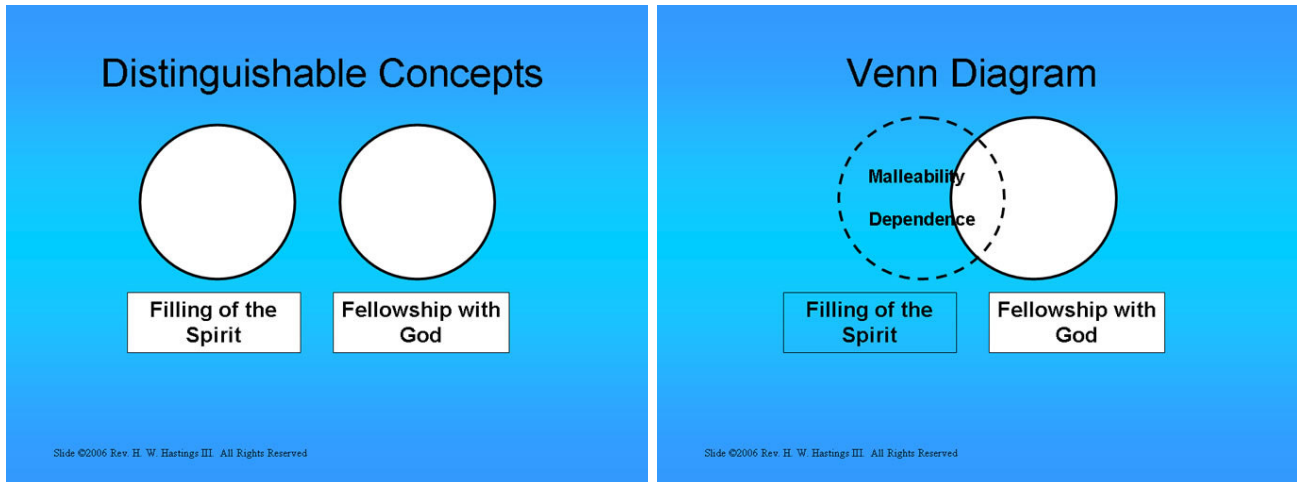
**Indwelling** is the foundation. →

**Filling** is controlling influence. →



<sup>1</sup> Chafer, L. S. (1993). *Systematic Theology*. Originally published: Dallas, TX : Dallas Seminary Press, 1947-1948. (Vol. 6, Page 174). Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications.

**Malleability** and **Dependence** upon the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit is how fellowship is maintained and filling is actuated.



As you learn the Spirit's ways with you and walk in **dependence** upon them and are **malleable** to them, the Holy Spirit begins to manifest *more* of a controlling influence in your life.

**He is securing a larger sphere of manifestation from within.**

The **Filling, Leading, and Bearing Witness** ministries of the Holy Spirit all come to bear in your *prayer life*.

If your view of "**The Filling of the Holy Spirit**" is limited to just fellowship with God, you won't understand the power that is available to you to live this spiritual life to the glory of God – you cannot live this life on your own!

Filling of the Spirit is God the Holy Spirit fulfilling all that He took up permanent residence in the believer to do to enable him to live his life for the glory of God.

**John 7:38-39** "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" **39** But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Christian way of life is a supernatural way of life that demands a *supernatural means* of execution. That *supernatural means* of execution is the **filling of the Holy Spirit**, His controlling influence that is manifested from within.

➤ This is why the believer must learn the Spirit's ways with him. A process. . .

He was sent to

- ✓ fill,
- ✓ guide,
- ✓ illuminate,
- ✓ teach,
- ✓ bear witness,
- ✓ lead,
- ✓ and intercede.

These things are all accomplished from within the believer. You must be **malleable** to all these areas.

- As the Christian way of life is a supernatural way of life that demands a supernatural means of execution - and that means is provided by the filling of the Spirit - so the Christian must be fed a supernatural diet.
- If you are going to live a supernatural life, you have to receive supernatural food – spiritual food.
- The problem is that not all truth is spiritual truth.
  - ✓ We can study about the Bible.
  - ✓ We can study about God.
  - ✓ We can learn about God and about the Bible, but that truth is no substitute for spiritual food.
- **The seminary student understands this very well.**
  - ✓ The classes are designed to provide the tools required to study the word of God.
  - ✓ You learn about God.
  - ✓ You learn about His Word.
  - ✓ You learn how to study His word.
  - ✓ You learn things that are **intellectually stimulating**, but they are not spiritually nourishing.

As a seminary student, you need some spiritual nourishment until you can dig into the Word of God yourself, *with the required tools*, as you **depend** upon the Spirit to reveal things to you from the Word of God.

That is how the pastor-teacher receives his spiritual nourishment.

Then, he is responsible to serve it to the flock that God has given him.

- Studying about the Bible and about God increases your *understanding*.
  - It may be **intellectually stimulating**, but not necessarily **spiritually nourishing**.
  - It may be bread, but is it the bread of heaven?

**Bread of heaven** is the only truth that is going to provide the nourishment required to execute the spiritual life, because it is *supernatural*.

That truth is something that comes from an exegesis of the Word of God, *with* the spiritual gift of Pastor-Teacher, as the Pastor-Teacher **DEPENDS** on the Spirit.

Spiritual principles and *Points of Doctrine* begin to surface *from the text*.

The Holy Spirit puts this into a framework in the soul that He indwells.

The Edification Complex of the Soul

We are dependent upon Him to do that.

Otherwise, we have become wise in our own understanding about the Bible and about God, which results in arrogance.

So, it is **“. . . by means of the Filling of God the Holy Spirit & Truth [Metabolized Bible Doctrine - spiritual truth]”** that the Christian worships God.

**Truth** = Metabolized Bible Doctrine or *digested spiritual food*.

**Remember - Prayer** is the means by which the believer will accomplish greater works.

As the believer must **depend** upon the Spirit to live this life for the glory of God, the believer must be **dependent** upon the Spirit to pray.

**The Role of the Holy Spirit to the believer in Prayer - -**

**1 Corinthians 3:16** Do you not **know** that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God **dwells** in you?"

**“Know”** - οἶδα – OIDA - “an active consciousness of something, a reality in the soul, something conceived as vivid or real”

**“Dwells”** - οἰκέω – OIKEO – “to inhabit or to dwell – to take up residence somewhere”

- ✓ The Holy Spirit is the One who indwells the believer.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit *continuously* indwells the believer.
- ✓ The Holy Spirit indwells you whether you believe this or not!

**Where does He reside?**

**Galatians 4:6** Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son **into our hearts**, crying, “Abba! Father!”

**Romans 8:15-16** For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons **by which we cry out**, “Abba! Father!”

As these verses are compared, what is observed?

- ✓ A unity of effort between God the Holy Spirit and the born-again believer
- ✓ Crying out Abba Father to God is testimony to the fact that the child in fact knows he’s a child of God—that God is his Father.
- ✓ The Spirit’s ministry within the believer results in an intrinsic identification that God is your Father!
- ✓ This causes the believer to call upon God as his Father.
- ✓ This produces results in the life of the Christian.

**Observe the ministry that produces this identification - -**

**vs. 16** The Spirit Himself **testifies** with our spirit that we are children of God,

**συμμαρτυρέω** – SUMMARTURTO – “To bear witness with or along side”

- ... This is something the Spirit has been sent to do in the life of the believer.
- ... This is **how** the believer is led by the Spirit.
- ... This is **why** the believer must learn the Spirit’s ways with him.

**Romans 8:14** For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

- ... Just because you are a son of God does not mean you are led.
- ... And what is your evaluator?

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- ... Does the Holy Spirit ever lead contrary to the Word of God (TRUTH)? **No!**
- ... That is why you must carry Bible Doctrine around in your soul *plus* the filling of the Spirit.

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*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.*