

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**).

Part III – (continued)

➤ **The Role of the Holy Spirit in relation to Prayer in the life of the Church Age believer**



- **Indwelling** of the Holy Spirit –
 - The Holy Spirit taking up permanent residence in you at the point of salvation (**1 Cor 3:16**).
 - Indwelling is the fountain-head from which the filling ministry of the Holy Spirit flows.
- **Filling** of the Holy Spirit –
 - God the Holy Spirit fulfilling all that He came to do in your life by manifesting a controlling influence in the soul that He indwells.
 - To be filled requires fellowship with God – purification from all unrighteousness (the principle expressed in **1 John 1:9**).
 - Malleability & dependency on the Spirit is required.

- **Guiding**
- **Illuminating**
- **Teaching**
- **Recall (applicational)**
- **Bearing witness**
- **Leading**

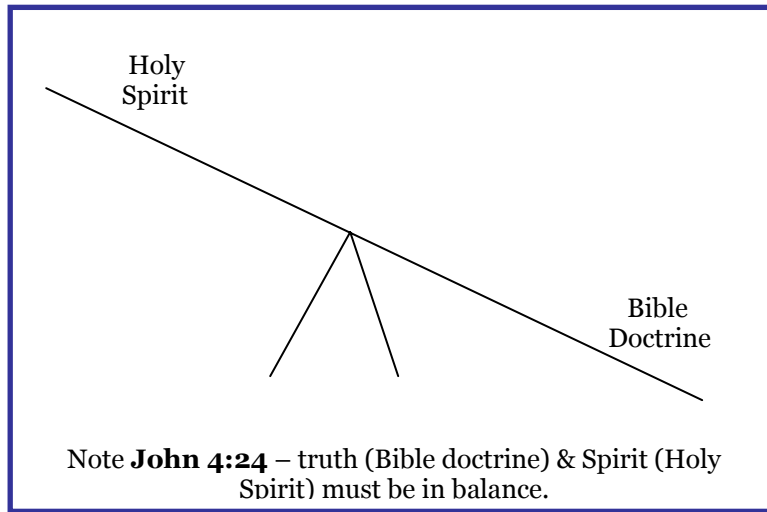
For these ministries to function requires filling. Otherwise they will not function.

SUMMARTUREO – to declare or testify; a testimony from within you to your human spirit (**Rom 8:16**).

*If your view of **filling** is limited, then your view of your spiritual life will be limited resulting in nothing more than a bunch of theoretical doctrine – and you will rely on your own knowledge & understanding.*

- Your spiritual life will be marked by little more than constant trips to the feed trough of Bible doctrine.
- You have not learned to “**walk by means of the Spirit**” (**Gal 5:16, 25**).
- You must turn to the One who provides divine enablement.
- Truth is revealed to those who realize, with childlike faith, their own inability and turn in dependence to Another.

- That faith is in God the Holy Spirit Who helps you to understand Bible doctrine and to live the unique spiritual life for His glory, not yours.
- **Leading** that comes from within – leading that will put you at the right place and the right time to be used by God



Emphasis in this study is being placed on the Holy Spirit – that does not make Bible doctrine any less important to the overall fact of the unique spiritual life.

Romans 9:1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience [SUNEIDESIS – immaterial transmitting faculty within the soul] testifies [bears witness or is bearing witness] with me [to me] in the Holy Spirit [by means of the Holy Spirit],

POD (review) – The believer’s malleability and dependency while in fellowship is directly related to the Spirit securing a greater sphere of influence or degree of manifestation to bear witness from within the believer.



POD (NEW) – When the Holy Spirit is manifesting a controlling influence within the soul of the believer, He uses the conscience [SUNEIDESIS – the immaterial faculty within the soul] to testify to the believer.

This ministry of the Holy Spirit is the supernatural dynamics of the spiritual life to the believer!

Remember – The unbeliever cannot live the spiritual life!
 Anything the unbeliever can do is not the spiritual life.
 The only thing available to the unbeliever is to be illuminated to the gospel.

For the unbeliever

Gospel + God the Holy Spirit = Only Possibility of Salvation

POD (*review*) – Bible doctrine serves as the Christian’s evaluative tool to discern if that which is being transmitted is the old sin nature’s controlling influence or of his Mentor, God the Holy Spirit.

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