

## Holiness is Godliness – Part 6

2 Cor. 13:14

### Introduction:

- The Charismatic pendulum swing
- The Comforter sent to replace the earthly presence of Christ:
  - Sent by Christ – John 16:7
  - Sent by the Father – John 14:16
- What is “Communion” with the Holy Spirit?  
This word can also fellowship, a common unity in partnership – to produce Christ-likeness in us.
  - Leads us in the **Ways of God**
  - Empowers us for the **Work of God**
  - Reveals to us the **Will of God**
  - Illuminates for us the **Word of God**

4 Key verses given to govern our relationship with the Holy Spirit:

- Two are positive - Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16
- Two are negative - Eph. 4:30; I Thes. 5:19

### Be ye filled with the Spirit – Eph. 5:18

- Context gives us the “key” – yielding to His control
- Greek verb “filled”
  - Present tense – continuous action into the future
  - Imperative mood – a command
  - Passive voice – action is done to us by others

*What implications does this have on our relationship?*

- The Spirit is in control of our life – not us. Acts 13:2
- The Spirit’s fruit is manifested in us – Acts 13:52
- The Spirit directs our daily activities – Acts 16:6-10

### Walk in the Spirit – Gal. 5:16

- Doesn’t say “stand” or “run” in the Spirit – steps of faith.
- Order in verse 16 is sequential – reserve is true
- Flesh is competing for control

- Grk verb is the tense and mood of “be filled” in Eph. 5:18
- Practical demonstrating of walking in the Spirit – abiding in the Word of God in obedience – Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19

### Grieve not the Holy Spirit – Eph. 4:30-32

- Context is key to what is grieving to Him – vv. 29, 31
- Grk verb tense, mood, is same as “be filled” in Eph. 5:18
- Actions contrary to His character/fruit grieve Him
- Living in the energy of the “fallen flesh” grieves Him

What implications does this have on our relationship with the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit occupies our “temple of clay”
- Our actions and thoughts are ever before Him
- Deity has emotions – feelings of grief, sorrow
- What happened to the “joy of the Lord” in us?
- The Holy Spirit doesn’t have the option of leaving an unclean house.
- Does it grieve us to grieve Him?

### Quench not the Spirit – I Thes. 5:19

- Grk. Verb tense and mood same as “be filled” in Eph. 5:18
- A progressive step beyond the “grieving” of the Spirit
- Demonstrated in the life of Saul – I Sam. 28:5-8, 16
- For the NT believer – The Holy Spirit is present, yet not functional – The candle is there – the light is not burning.
- Final consequence – God gives them up to... Rom. 1:24
- Believer’s life is “shipwrecked” – useless to God – I Tim. 1:19; “castaway” – I Cor. 9:27
- The ultimate effect – God takes the life of the rebellious saint – I Cor. 11:30 – “many are weak, and sickly among you, and many sleep.”
- This is not how I want to enter heaven!

○ How do we quench the Spirit?

- Continue in sin; unconfessed sin; rebellion.
- Holy Spirit’s ministry is hindered – I Pet. 3:7-12

### Consider the further consequences the Holy Spirit's ministry in us is hindered and made ineffective:

- Convict of sin – John 16:8
- Guide in truth – John 16:13
- Show us Christ – John 16:13-15
- Empower our witness – Acts 1:8
- Witnesses with our spirit – Rom. 8:16
- Intercedes for us in prayer – Rom. 8:26
- Produces Christlikeness in us – Gal. 5:22-23

### A summary:

### What is Godliness, Christ-likeness, Spirituality?

1. A Godly Believer is a Spirit-filled Christian in whom the unhindered Holy Spirit is manifesting a Christ-likeness in our character, like the “fruit of the Spirit.”
2. A Godly Believer is being energized by the Holy Spirit through the exercise of their “spiritual gifts” in the service of the Lord.
3. A Godly Believer is understand the truths of God's Word and feeding on the deeper things of God, living on the meat of the Word.
4. A Godly Believer is expressing praise and thanksgiving with a thankful spirit in prayer and worship.
5. A Godly Believer is continuing in a consistent walk of fellowship with the Holy Spirit with eyes focused on Christ.
6. A Godly Believer is living by faith in the practical sanctification on earth of what he knows is his positional sanctification in Heaven, accepted in the Beloved.
7. Spirituality is the Divine output of the life and character of Christ, accomplished totally by the indwelling presence of the unhindered Holy Spirit within us.

### What Godliness, Christ-likeness, Spirituality is not.

1. It is not the mere removal of things that are called “worldly.”
2. It is not defined by what a person doesn't do, but rather identified by what a person is.
3. It is not just an inward suppression; it is an outward expression.
4. It is not just holding back “self” but rather the living out of Christ.

### The Christian experience bears unflinching testimony to two outstanding facts:

1. There is an abrupt change from the carnal to the spiritual when there is obedience to the principles of God's Word.
2. There is an abrupt loss of spiritual blessing whenever there has been a yielding to unconfessed sin.

*“Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed*

*His tender last farewell,*

*A Guide, a Comforter, Bequeathed*

*With us to dwell.*

*And every virtue we possess,*

*And every victory won*

*And every thought of holiness,*

*Are His alone.”*

**Spirituality is the triumph of His Grace!**