Growth Track One

103: Getting to Know the Trinity

Session 9: Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

Overview: In this session, you will understand God's intention to fill every believer with the Holy Spirit, and what you can expect in your life as He does. We should not base our mindset about the Holy Spirit on other's opinions or past experiences, but solely on what the Bible has to say.

1. The Holy Spirit Is Equal to God and Jesus.

John 14:16 NIV I will ask the father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. (Holy Spirit) "...He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth." (God the Father)

2. The Holy Spirit lives IN us.

John 14:17 NIV The world cannot receive Him, because it is not looking for Him and does not recognize Him. But you know Him because He lives with you now and later will be <u>in you</u>.

a. Jesus prayed for us this way

John 17:17-18 – <u>Sanctify</u> them by the truth; Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

GREEK WORD - Sanctify: Set apart for service/to be made clean.

This does **NOT** mean perfection!

Romans 7:18-20, 23 NIV For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

 Being sanctified means we have changed course and we have given <u>control</u> to the Holy Spirit. That is what Jesus was praying would happen to us!

3. The Holy Spirit desires to FILL us.

a. He desires that we GIVE HIM CONTROL.

Ephesians 5:18 NIV Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

GREEK WORD "Drunk" = **Methusko** – tipsy, inhibitions are lowered, and you do not have full control.

Vs 18 "...Instead be **filled** with the Spirit."

GREEK WORD Filled = **Pleroo** = empowered by, controlled by

b. Paul is talking about choosing the spirit that is going to be in control, the empowering element of your life!

4. What can I expect when I ask the Holy Spirit to fill me?

Jesus promises...

Matthew 5:6 NIV Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

a. You can expect movement.

Galatians 5:25 - We get our new life from the Spirit, so we should follow the Spirit.

b. You can expect influence.

Galatians 5:22 The Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

c. You can expect **power.**

Philippians 2:13 – God is working <u>in you</u> to help you want to do and be able to do what pleases Him.

Ephesians 3:20 With God's power working <u>in us</u>, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

Discussion:

- 1. Have you asked the Holy Spirit to fill your life?
- 2. What area of your life would you say you need the power of the Holy Spirit to operate?
- 3. Is there an area of your life that was not formerly under the control of the Holy Spirit, but now is? What are some of the differences you have noticed?