

The Basics of Life in the Spirit

Romans 8:4a-6

Introduction: Beginning in Romans 4-5, Paul deals extensively with our relationship with the Spirit. To understand what it means to “walk according to the Spirit” and to have the “mind set on the Spirit” (8:5), we need to be clear about *who he is*, and *who we are* as a result of the changes he’s made.

- 1. HIS IDENTITY – The Holy Spirit is the member of the trinity responsible for bringing God’s love and life into a situation.**
 - A. The Holy Spirit provides an *empowering hospitality*.
 - B. We see this in the creation. Genesis 1:2
 - C. We see this in the life of Christ. Luke 3:21-22; 4:1; 14
 - D. We see this in the early church. Acts 2:1-4

- 2. YOUR IDENTITY – When you received Christ, the Spirit made four profound changes in your life. Think of the acrostic “R.I.B.S.”**
 - A. Regeneration – The Holy Spirit made your human spirit come alive. John 3:3
 - B. Indwelling – The presence of the Holy Spirit came to reside within us. 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19
 - C. Baptism – The Holy Spirit placed us into the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:13
 - D. Sealing – The Holy Spirit marked us out as being God’s very own possession. Ephesians 1:13-14

- 3. THE COMMAND TO BE FILLED – To live in the Spirit’s power we must experience his moment-by-moment filling. Ephesians 5:18**
 - A. The negative command – Do not be drunk with wine. 5:18a
 - B. The positive command – Be filled with the Holy Spirit. 5:18b
 - C. Two Questions –

- 4. THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING FILLED – There are two practical results of being filled with the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:19-21**
 - A. On the horizontal level – Authentic connection with other believers. Ephesians 5:19a
 - B. On a vertical level – Personal worship. Ephesians 5:19b-21

