

SERIES: TRUE SPIRITUALITY
"WHAT IS BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY"
1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-16
THE BIBLICAL MEANING OF SPIRITUALITY
OBSERVE 1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-16
(The Emphasis on the Holy Spirit)

"A GROWN-UP RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT RESULTING IN MATURE CHRISTIAN LIVING."

I. BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY INVOLVES REGENERATION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT - JOHN 3:1-8; TITUS 3:5

- A. The Holy Spirit Convicts of the Sin of Unbelief - John 16:7-9
- B. The Holy Spirit Gives New Birth to Believers - John 3:6

NOTE: SPIRITUALITY WITHOUT REGENERATION IS REFORMATION.

BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY CANNOT BE EXPERIENCED WITHOUT EXPERIENCING THE NEW BIRTH BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

II. BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY INVOLVES CONTROL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT - EPHESIANS 5:18

THE MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE BORN AGAIN BELIEVER ARE MANY *BUT THEY ALL DEPEND UPON THE CONTROL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER.*

- The Holy Spirit Teaches - John 16:12-15
- The Holy Spirit Gives Spiritual Gifts - 1 Corinthians 12:7
- The Holy Spirit Guides - Romans 8:14
- The Holy Spirit Assures of Salvation - Romans 8:16
- The Holy Spirit Prays - Romans 8:26

NOTE: EPHESIANS 5:18 IS A VERSE THAT TEACHES THE SIGNIFICANCE AND REALITY OF THE CONTROL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*DO NOT BE DRUNK (CONTROLLED) BY ALCOHOL
BE FILLED (CONTROLLED) BY THE HOLY SPIRIT*

A SIGNIFICANT COMMAND FOR EVERY TRUE CHILD OF GOD TO OBEY!

QUESTION: HOW IS ONE "FILLED" WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. By Being Born Again
- B. By Being in the Word of God
- C. By Maintaining a Pure Life
- D. By Confessing Known Sin
- E. By Dying to Self
- F. By Surrendering to God's Will
- G. By Depending upon God's Power
- H. By Being Conscious of God's Presence

III. BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY INVOLVES TIME WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT - HEBREWS 5:12

- A. Time Beginning at the Point of Salvation
 - 1. A New Born Christian cannot be called a Spiritual Person - **A BABE!**
 - 2. A New Born Christian can Grow Rapidly
 - a. Through Personal Discipline - **Bible Study, Prayer, Fellowship.**
 - b. Through Practical Discipleship - **Being taught by another.**
- B. Time Continuing with the Holy Spirit
 - 1. By Yielding to the Holy Spirit's Guidance
 - 2. By Depending upon the Holy Spirit's Enablement

IV. BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY INVOLVES EXERCISE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT - HEBREWS 5:14 (Cp. 1 TIMOTHY 4:8)

EXERCISING SPIRITUAL SENSES

- A. Exercising Obedience to Scriptural Truth
- B. Exercising Application of Biblical Principles
- C. Exercising the Discernment of Right and Wrong

SOME SERIOUS OBSERVATIONS TO MAKE

- 1) Most Christians have LITTLE KNOWLEDGE of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Most Christians have LITTLE INTEREST in the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Most Christians have LITTLE POWER of the Holy Spirit

THUS MOST CHRISTIANS ARE SPIRITUALLY IMMATURE!

LESSON/APPLICATION

1. Are you Born Again?

2. What is your Relationship with the Holy Spirit?

ONLY THE SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN TRULY PLEASURES GOD...ARE YOU TRULY SPIRITUAL? DO YOU HAVE A GROWN UP RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?