

The Spiritual Christian, part 5

From knowledge to practice

- I.** Spiritual Christians are enabled by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:9-15).
 1. In the human spirit, rationale or logical basis, not emotion.
 2. Desires to learn about the riches from the new birth.
 3. Compares spiritual knowledge with spiritual situations.
 4. Is lead by the Spirit in areas not covered by Scripture (Gal. 5:18).
 5. Progresses in the ability to fulfill the New Commandment (Phil. 1:8-10).
 6. Pursues the “deep things” of God, not satisfied with “milk” (Heb. 5:14; 1 Cor. 2:10).

- II.** Putting head knowledge into practice: terminology.
 1. *Spirit filling*—the Spirit makes up what is lacking in the area of thought (Eph. 5:18 cf. Phil. 4:18).
 2. *Faith*—promise from God that there is “the way out (1 Cor. 10:13)
 - 1) A promise from God to Christians in that condition.
 - 2) Faith, a divine aid from the Holy Spirit, brings reality to the things hoped for in the promise (Heb. 11:1).
 - 3) Hope is that which is promised, content of the promise (Heb. 10:23; Heb. 8:25).
 3. *Imputation*—God counting as so, in the present, based on the future, His omniscience (Rom. 4:17).

- III.** Spirit filling is necessary to nullify the sin nature’s lusts.
 1. **Know** (do not be ignorant) that you have been baptized by the Spirit into Christ (Rom. 6:3-11 cf. 1 Cor. 12:13).
 - 1) Immersed into His death.
 - 2) Co-buried with Him.
 - 3) Like Christ was raised:
 - i. We should order our lifestyle.
 - ii. Live a ‘fresh’ life.

2. **Believe** we will be resurrected like Christ (Rom. 6:5-8).
 - 1) Out imputed resurrection does not replace our actual future physical resurrection.
 - 2) Our position in Adam was crucified—imputation.
 - 3) We will live in the future with Him.
3. **Reckon**, count as so (Rom. 6:11).
 - 1) On one hand, count (count as so that which is not) yourself in the state of death to the sin nature.
 - i. The Holy Spirit put to death the sin nature's lusts (Rom. 8:13).
 - ii. The killing of the lusts put the body member in the state of death—non responsive (Col. 3:5).
 - 2) On the other hand, alive:
 - i. Living to God the Father—absolute fealty, loyalty.
 - ii. In Christ Jesus, because, by imputation, you were immersed into His death, burial, and resurrection.