

## **Full of the Spirit**

### **A Series on Understanding Accountability**

Progressively becoming more Christ like is the essence of sanctification (2 Cor 3:17-18), and the Holy Spirit plays an essential role. As the author of God's word (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21), the Holy Spirit provides the means of sanctification through the study of the Bible (Matt 4:4; John 8:31-32; 15:3-5; 17:14-17), and through the community of Believers (1 Cor 12:12-13; Eph 4:4-7, 11-16).

1. As you review the New Covenant (Ezek 36:23-28), what does the Holy Spirit do (John 14:16-17, 26; 1 Cor 2:10-16)?

2. In those instances where people were "full of the Spirit," what do you observe about them (Luke 4:1-14; Acts 4:31; 6:3-5, 8; 7:51-56; Acts 11:22-24)? Is being "full of the Spirit" the means to an end? What does the Holy Spirit do?

3. Have you ever noticed the paradox of Paul's imperative in Ephesians 5:18? The Greek grammar of "be filled" indicates that the Believer is being acted upon by another; it is not something the Believer can actively do in being filled! What is Paul commanding (Eph 5:15-21, consider Rom 12:1-2)?! What do you think it means to "be full of the Spirit?"

4. Carefully observe Galatians 5:13-26. What do you notice in the context of the Spirit? What role does your desire play? What do you observe in a couple antithetical examples of being "full of the Spirit" (Eph 4:28-32; 1 Thes 5:12-22).