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MEMORY VERSE

"Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

— 1 Corinthians 6:19



The Holy Spirit

The Indwelling One—Source of Power

Core Truth

The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, dwells in every believer, unites all to Christ in one body, and is the source of all power and acceptable worship and service. He never departs from the church nor from the feeblest saint.

HIS INDWELLING

John 14:16-17

Another Helper (allos) who abides forever

1 Corinthians 6:19

Your body is His temple

Ephesians 2:22

Dwelling place of God in the Spirit

Romans 8:9

If no Spirit, not His

HIS MINISTRIES

John 16:7-11

Convicts of sin, righteousness, judgment

1 Cor. 12:13

Baptizes into one body

Eph. 4:30

Seals unto redemption

Eph. 5:18

Be filled with the Spirit

Indwelling vs. Filling

Every believer has the **indwelling** from salvation. The **filling** is for power and service—can be lost through disobedience. Don't quench (1 Thess. 5:19) or grieve (Eph. 4:30) the Spirit!

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The Church

A Unity of Believers—Body & Bride of Christ

Core Truth

All who are united to Christ are members of the church, His body and bride, which began at Pentecost and is completely distinct from Israel. By the same Spirit, all believers are baptized into one body, whether Jews or Gentiles.

Distinct from Israel

• Israel: Old Covenant / Church: New Covenant • Israel: No permanent indwelling / Church: Spirit indwells • Church is the "body of Christ"

KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Matt. 16:16-18

On this rock I build My church

Acts 2:42-47

3,000 saved, added to body

Romans 12:5

Many, one body in Christ

1 Cor. 12:12-27

Many members, one body

Eph. 1:22-23

Head over all to church

Eph. 4:3-6

Unity of the Spirit



The Ordinances

Baptism & The Lord's Supper

Core Truth

Water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only sacraments and ordinances of the church—a scriptural means of testimony, not a means of salvation, but outward expressions of inward realities.



WATER BAPTISM

Public declaration—identification with Christ's death, burial, resurrection

Matt. 28:19 • Acts 10:47-48
Acts 16:32-33 • Acts 18:7-8



LORD'S SUPPER

Remembrance of Christ's sacrifice—proclaiming His death until He comes

Luke 22:19-20 • 1 Cor. 11:26



My Notes



The Christian Walk

Spirit vs. Flesh

Core Truth

We are called to walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. The flesh with its fallen, Adamic nature is never eradicated in this life and needs to be kept by the Spirit constantly in subjection to Christ.

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

Romans 6:11-13

Reckon dead to sin, alive to God; present your members

Romans 8:4, 12-13

Walk according to Spirit; put to death deeds of body

Galatians 5:16-23

Walk in Spirit, not fulfill flesh; fruit of the Spirit

Ephesians 4:22-5:2

Put off old, put on new; walk in love

1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children... be holy, for I am holy

1 John 1:4-7, 3:5-9

Walk in the light; doesn't practice sin



The Christian's Service

Spiritual Gifts & Rewards

Core Truth

Divine gifts for service are bestowed by the Spirit upon all who are saved. While there is diversity of gifts, each believer is energized by the same Spirit. Rewards are promised according to faithfulness at the judgment seat of Christ.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Romans 12:6

Gifts differing according to grace—use them!

1 Cor. 12:4-11

Diversity of gifts, same Spirit; different ministries

Ephesians 4:11

Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers

1 Tim. 5:17-18

Laborer worthy of wages—support pastors

REWARDS AT JUDGMENT SEAT

1 Cor. 3:9-15

Work tested by fire—gold, silver vs. wood, hay

1 Cor. 9:18-27

Run to win the prize; motivation matters

2 Cor. 5:10

Appear before judgment seat to receive

Note: Bema vs. Great White Throne

The judgment seat (bema) is for believers' rewards—not the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11) for unbelievers. Salvation is not in question; faithfulness is being evaluated.

Discussion Questions

1 What is the difference between the indwelling and the filling of the Holy Spirit? How can you be filled?

2 How is the church distinct from Israel? Why does this matter for understanding Scripture?

3 Why are baptism and communion important even though they don't save us?

4 What practical steps can you take to "walk in the Spirit" and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh?

5 What spiritual gift(s) do you believe God has given you? How are you using them to serve?



Watch Week 4 Video

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Next Week: Future Things (Doctrines Q-V)

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