

*FOUNDATIONS for the Christian Life*

Session #3

**Experiencing God's Spirit**

**“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you” (Acts 1:8).**

Primary point: The power to live the supernatural Christian life comes from being controlled by the Holy Spirit.

**Through God's Spirit, God Lives in You**

1 John 4:15; 2 Cor 13:5; John 14:20; 1 Cor 6:19; 2 Cor 5:17

**The Spirit's Power**

The supernatural power of the Spirit in you is demonstrated by the supernatural commands that God expects you to obey. (Matt 22:37; 1 Pet 1:14-16; Eph 5:1-2; Phil 4:13; Gal 5:22-23)

**The War Within You** (Gal 5:16-17; Eph 5:18; Rom 14:17-18; 2 Cor 9:7)

How do you know if the Spirit or sin is controlling you? How do you feel?

**How do I live in the power of God's Spirit?**

Recognize, Rebel & Refocus. (Prov 4:23; Col 3:5; Isa 26:3).

Believing the **TRUTH** turns on the power of the **Holy Spirit** in your life. Believing **LIES** turns on the power of the **sinful nature**. (Rom 15:13).

**Discussion questions**

- 1) Why did Pastor Kurt claim that Christians are a different species of human beings? How does this effect how you view yourself?
- 2) Scripture says the Christian is a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19). How does this effect how you view yourself?
- 3) What would it mean to obey the command to **Imitate God in everything you do** (Eph 5:1)?
- 4) Read Galatians 5:16-17. What are the only two options for who or what is controlling you? How does knowing this help your Christian life?
- 5) Read Galatians 5:22-23. How does this verse help you recognize if you are being controlled by God's Spirit or your sinful nature?
- 6) What was most meaningful to you about this message?