

ROM 215 Under His Influence - PT 1 - JN 14:15-17

A good part of what I'll be saying today - is **taken** from the book "**Under His Influence**" - By Lloyd Pulley - CC Old Bridge - NJ

I'd love to make this book - & 1 or 2 others on the Holy Spirit **REQUIRED reading** for every believer in our body

Because **learning to live Under the Influence** of the Holy Spirit is what **makes the difference** between

A Power-**LESS** Christian life - & A Power-**FULL** Christian life

Last wk - in our msg titled "Life in the Spirit" (**Rom Ch 8**)

We **talked about** the Holy Spirit being the **Huge Jet Engine** Power given to every believer "**In Christ**"

But **just because** you've been **GIVEN** the **incredible power** of the Holy Spirit

doesn't necessarily mean you're **ACCESSING** that power

We also **saw last Msg**;

That Power of the Holy Spirit is so incredibly great that **He** is the **same power** that **raised** Jesus from the dead

& then - finally - at the **end** of last msg - Paul basically said;
We Must **Choose** to Live - **According to the Spirit**

The Power is **THERE** - in the Person of the **Holy Spirit**
HOWEVER . . . There **IS** an "Our-Part" Part

The "Our-Part" Part - is to **LIVE** day-by-day
UNDER THE INFLUENCE - of the **Holy Spirit** - who lives in us

& THAT - is what the *next few messages* - are going to **be about**

Let's Pray

I think **Every Believer** has experienced *the struggle*

of **feeling** like we just **don't have** the **POWER**
to **live** the Christian life (*saw that in **ROM Ch 7***)

We may even **KNOW** - *intellectually*
about the **Power** we have in the **Holy Spirit**

But *maybe* we've never learned **HOW to LIVE**
Under His Constant Influence

(*again*) - **that's the goal** of *these messages*

& When we Finally Realize - that the Christian life
is not the Holy Spirit giving **US** power
so that **WE** can do all that **WE** want & think **WE** should achieve

When we Finally Realize - our Job is to be a "*Living Sacrifice*"
to present our-**selves** as "*Crucified*" with Christ

When we Finally Realize that our Job is simply to **YIELD**,
wholly & completely - to the **Person** & the **Power** of the **Holy Spirit**

THEN → →

THEN - we find **Infinitely more** than enough **POWER**

to **Live** for *Christ*

to **Overcome** our *Flesh* & the *World* - &

to **Become** **ALL** that God has **made us to be**

Lloyd Pulley sums it up wonderfully;

Living the Christian Life therefore, is not our RESPONSIBILITY, as much as it is our RESPONSE to HIS ABILITY

I promise you - **THAT REVELATION** becomes
so **freeing** - so **empowering** to live for Christ

because *finally* - we **can STOP** trying to *live for God*
in **our own strength** - which is **IMPOSSIBLE**

& **instead** we can begin **Living for God** *Under the Influence*
of **HIS own** Power - in the person of *the Holy Spirit*

& **to begin** to do this - the truth **I believe** we **MUST** First Understand

is that our **YEILDING** to the Power of the Holy Spirit
is an **EVER INCREASING YIELDING**

We see this **EVER INCREASING YIELDING** in scripture
of going from **POSSESSING** the Holy Spirit within Us
to being more & more **YEILDED** to His Power & Influence

Let's *TURN OVER* to **JN 14**

(**we could** go back before this) - But **let's start** here
where **Jesus** promises to send the **Holy Spirit** to His disciples

JN 14:15-17 - ESV

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

Jesus says **THREE** incredible things here about the disciple's **INCREASING YIELDING** to the Holy Spirit

1st - You KNOW Him - this is my **2nd favorite GK word** - **GINOSKO**

it is an **experiential, personal knowledge**

I believe Jesus is *referring* to the **experiential personal knowledge** the **disciples** had - of **seeing** the Holy Spirit **at work** in & thru Jesus

2nd - He dwells WITH you - He says **WITH** you

because **at this time** - **the H.S.** was actually **WITH** the Disciples
In the **same way** He was **WITH** the **OT saints**

3rd - He will be IN you - & He says **will be IN you**

because their **Relationship** with the **Holy Spirit** was going to **change Radically AFTER** the **resurrection**

& it **certainly did** - **TURN OVER TO JN 20**

AFTER the resurrection - **Jesus appeared** to His disciples - **while** they were *hiding* behind locked doors

Jn 20:21-22 - ESV

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." [after resurrection]

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Because Jesus had **Risen to New Life** - & because the Disciples were **IDENTIFIED** with Him in His **NEW LIFE**

at THAT time He breathed *the Holy Spirit* into them

But still - there was an **INCREASING YIELDING** to the Holy Spirit - that was *still yet to come*

Jesus **wasn't Finished** instructing his Disciples about **their Relationship** with the Holy Spirit

TURN OVER TO ACTS CH 1 - just before His **Ascension**

First we read in Acts 1:4-5

4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;

5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Remember - this is **AFTER**

Jesus had **breathed** the **Holy Spirit** into them in **JN 14**

SO - 1st The Holy Spirit was **WITH** them
Then He was **Breathed INTO** them
Now they are going to be **BAPTIZED** with Him

Do you see the **INCREASING YIELDING**
to the Holy Spirit in the disciples lives ?

So - Jesus says you will be
BAPTIZED - **IMMERSED** with the Holy Spirit (*Baptizo*)

Then - just 3 vs's later in - Act 1:8 Jesus Says - ESV

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Again;

The Holy Spirit had been "**WITH**" them
Jesus had "Breathed" the Holy Spirit **INTO** them
Then he said they would be "**Baptized**" with the Holy Spirit
Now He says they will "**Receive Power**"
when the Holy Spirit has "**Come Upon Them**"

& this GK word for **UPON** - is best pictured
as **a Glass** that's *already* full of water

& then **MORE water** is poured into the glass
until it overflows **UPON** the glass

More, more, more **LIVING WATER** - being poured **into**
& flowing **out of** - & **UPON** - the glass

THAT is a Perfect Picture - of the **INCREASING YIELDING**
to the Holy Spirit - That is **necessary** for a *Victorious Life with Christ*

But now - **Please listen** very carefully:

Our Spiritual Enemy has managed to keep **Many Christians**
Power-LESS - when it comes to *the Holy Spirit*

& I believe *he does it* by stirring up the
debates, abuses, & misunderstandings
about the Power we have **AVAILABLE** in the Holy Spirit

It's like if **Your Enemy** could convince you
that there **is so much** *debate* & *misuse* of **Aviation Gas**

That **the best thing** for you to do is *just try* to fly that *Jet Airplane*
WITHOUT putting any **GAS** in the engines

Or yeah - you've got the **Jet airplane** - you've got the **Big Jet Engine**
but **DON'T** put **ANY Fuel** in there - *it's just too controversial*

It's **Probably Better** for you to *just try really hard*
to fly that Jet airplane with **NO fuel** at all

that way - you don't have to **worry** about *being caught up*
in all *that controversy* about **Aviation Gas**

Please - **DON'T** get **TAKEN OUT** by all that

Because it will **KEEP YOU** from the **true POWER** you need
to **Really FLY** in your life with Christ

So - Here's my ONLY point so far - & it's a very simple one

The Bible clearly shows an **INCREASING YEILDING**
to the **Power of the Holy Spirit** in the Christian Life

& Please - **don't** get caught up in the **Vocabulary**

& don't get **Turned-Off** by the **Excesses** (& **Non-Biblical** stuff)
that **we see** in this area

We simply need to Recognize TWO Powerful Truths;

1) You've been given the **Greatest Power Available**
to live an *Abundant & Overflowing* Life in Christ

2) There is an **INCREASING YIELDING** to the Holy Spirit
that is *absolutely required* for **you to Live**
that *Abundant & Overflowing* Life in Christ

If you go thru the **Book of Acts** - you **see** over & over
this **INCREASED YEILDING** to the **Power** of the **Holy Spirit**

We've **already seen** it begin - in **ACTS CH 1**

Then **we immediately** see it again in **ACTS CH 2**
when the **Holy Spirit** came - & *tongues of fire* fell on the Disciples

& Peter - who previously had **denied** the Lord & **hid** in fear

Now stands up & delivers *the Pentecost msg*
& **3,000 people** are *saved* & added to the church in **one day**

& Peter proclaimed in that **ACTS CH 2** Msg
that **what** the people were **seeing** - was God *Pouring out His Spirit*

& from that point on
NOTHING was ever the same - in the N.T. Church

& all thru Acts - we see INCREASED YEILDING to the Holy Spirit
bringing INCREASED POWER to the Disciples

& I promise you - nothing has changed from then - to today

The more WE YIELD - to the Holy Spirit in OUR lives
The more He will Radically Transform US - & USE us

My ONLY POINT today is this;

We must be INCREASINGLY YIELDED
to the Person of the Holy Spirit in our lives

In order for us to Truly Live for Jesus at all !!
other-wise - all we've got is Religion

NOW - In Eph CH 5 - we see possibly the "CRESENDO"
of that INCREASED YEILDING to the Holy Spirit - TURN THERE

In EHP 5 - Paul's talking about our "Way of Life" (*our Walk*)

& He's contrasting EXTREME'S in our "WALK"
in order to "Paint a Picture" of what he's teaching

in Eph 5:15 he says

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

Look at the contrast of opposites - *not as unwise - but as wise*

Then in Eph 5:17 he says

17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Again - the **Contrast of Extreme's** - **do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is**

& then the **Biggest Contrast** of all - in **EPH 5:18**

Eph 5:18

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

Again (for the 3rd time) - Paul makes a **Contrast of the Extremes**

The Extreme **NEGATIVE** - is Do Not be **Drunk with Wine**

The Extreme **POSITIVE** - is Do Be **Filled with the Holy Spirit**

WHY would Paul use **Being Drunk with Wine**

As the **Ultimate Contrast** to - **Being Filled with the Spirit?**

Because he's Painting a **Perfect PICTURE** of Contrasts

When a person is **Drunk with Alcohol**

How Much of their "**BEING**" is effected ?

EVERY Single Area of their "**BEING**" is affected **negatively** by Alcohol

& when a Person is **truly FILLED** with the **Holy Spirit**

How Much of their "**BEING**" will be **EFFECTED?**

EVERY Single Area, **right ?**

Just like being Filled with **Alcohol** Effects every area of our Being for **DESTRUCTION**

Being Filled with the **Holy Spirit** Effects every area of our Being for **LIFE & BLESSING**

But let's **continue that Comparison** One Step Further

HOW LONG do the Physical Effects of **Alcohol** last?
only while it's still in your system, **RIGHT** ?

Well - **what about** being Filled with the Holy Spirit
How long does that last?

What if I told you that **Being Filled** with the Spirit **Doesn't last** forever
Just like the being **Drunk with Alcohol** doesn't last forever

Follow me carefully thru this . . .

The **GK word** translated **BE FILLED** in **EPH 5:18**
as in "**Be Filled with the Spirit**"

Has some very interesting qualities to it;

1) It's a VERB - so it's an ACTION that takes place

2) It's GK TENSE - is "PRESENT"

which means it is an action that **IS** occurring presently
& **CONTINUES** to occur indefinitely

So it is Be Filled - & Continue to Be Filled - &
Don't Stop Being Filled

We most often say "**CONSTANTLY BE BEING FILLED**"

3) it's GK MOOD - is "IMPERATIVE"

which means it is a **Command** - or an **Exhortation**
we **MUST** *Be - Being* Filled with the Holy Spirit

But now - I want to really **Blow Your Mind**

I'm going to read to you out of the

Glossary of GREEK Morpho-Syntactic Terminology

Which *Defines & Describes* the **GREEK** Language

Now - **I know** you **probably have** this book at home *already*
but *I still want* to read it to you

Here is **the Definition** of the *Imperative Mood*

of the *Greek Verb* in **EPH 5:18** translated "**BE FILLED**" with the H.S.

**The imperative mood is not an expression of reality
but possibility and volition.**

WHOA - You just **BLEW my Mind**

Wait a Minute ! - **Are you** telling me that

me **being filled** w/ the Holy Spirit - is *not necessarily* a **REALITY**
but it *is only* a **POSSIBILITY** ??

YEP - *that's exactly* what **I'm Telling you**

Now - **Don't get me wrong** - You **HAVE** the Holy Spirit *living in you*
we **saw that** last week in **Rom 8:9**

If you belong to Christ you **HAVE** the **FULL** Holy Spirit Living in you
You are **the Temple** of the *Holy Spirit*

Then WHY is this Phrase "**BE FILLED**" with the Holy Spirit
NOT necessarily a **REALITY** - but only a **POSSIBILITY** ?

Well, let's look again at the Definition

**The imperative mood is not an expression of reality
but possibility and volition.**

Volition - that word means **A CHOICE**

Webster's Defines the Word VOLITION as;
The Power of CHOOSING or DETERMINING

ALL that that information means is this;

We are the ones who **CHOOSE** whether
we will be **Continually FILLED** with the Holy Spirit or **NOT** !

It **IS** a Command - But it is **NOT** Automatic

We **have to Choose it** - & we have to **Continue** to choose it
& **Continue** to choose it

THAT - is the **INCREASING YIELDING**
to the Person & the Power of the Holy Spirit in our lives

SO - the obvious question is - **HOW**

HOW do we **GET** Filled with the Spirit
& **HOW** do we Continue to **BE FILLED** with the Spirit

So that we can be **YEILDED**
to His **Influence** & to His **Power** in our daily lives ?

Well - I can assure you
God has given us that answer

But I need to tell you up-front - it's not a 3-step formula

where you turn around 3-times
click your heels
get knocked to the ground
speak in a funny language . . .

& then **BAAM** - Your **FILLED** to **OVERFLOWING**
with the Holy Spirit forever

Oh . . . Don't we wish - we could **bottle up God** like that

Put Him in a **perfect box**

& **MAKE HIM** do exactly what **WE** want Him to do
every time we snap our fingers

Well, God **WILL NOT** let us put Him in a **3-step formula BOX**

BUTTT - He **DOES** want to **Give you** the Holy Spirit
in **ALL** His Fullness - & in **ALL** His Power

So that **you CAN** live - **Fully UNDER HIS INFLUENCE**

Look at what Jesus says in Luk 11:11-13 - ESV

11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;

12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Your Heavenly Father will **GIVE YOU** the Holy Spirit - In His fullness
just by you asking Him

But after you **RECEIVE HIM** - there **MUST COME**
an **INCREASING YIELDING** to His Presence in your life

And as you become **INCREASINGLY YEILDED**
to the Holy Spirit in your life

You will become **INCREASINGLY INFLUENCED** by Him
& you will live - **INCREASINGLY** by His **Power**

We'll talk more about the **HOW** - NXT MSG
but **for today** - let me **close** with this

It ALL starts with us Making a DAILY Commitment
to **CRUCIFY** our **SELF-WILL**
& **SUBMIT** to the **Holy Spirit's Authority** over our lives

We must **Continually Recognize** our need
for **HIS Influence** - & **HIS Power** in our lives

& as we **INCREASINGLY YIELD** every area of our lives to Him;

- 1) We **will experience** an Overflowing Life In Christ
- 2) We'll **be able** to Walk in Victory, over our Flesh & the World
- 3) We'll **see Jesus Christ** in our lives like we never thought possible

THAT is the life God has designed -
for all who **Willingly Choose** to Live - **UNDER HIS INFLUENCE**

OK - before we Go - I need to ask you to **ABSORB** (*on your own*)
the Resources that we have on **the Holy Spirit**

UNDER HIS INFLUENCE - LLOYD PULLEY
12 CD SET - THE HOLY SPIRIT
2 CD SET - THE PERSON OF HOLY SPIRIT

& we'll have some more for our next msg

Let's Pray