

IGNITED Part 3: Indwelling vs. Filling - Study Guide

Big Idea

Every believer receives the Holy Spirit when they believe in Jesus. Indwelling means the Holy Spirit lives in us. Filling means we yield to His influence and leadership.

Key Scriptures

John 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, Galatians 3:2, Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 4:30, Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 5:18, 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Main Truths

1. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to believers.
2. The Holy Spirit comes when we believe.
3. The Holy Spirit seals believers until the day of redemption.
4. The Holy Spirit permanently indwells believers.
5. Indwelling and filling are not the same thing.
6. Filling is about surrender and influence, not getting more of God.

Definitions

Indwelling: To reside, live in, or make a home in.

Filling (pleroo): To be influenced by, directed by, permeated by, and controlled by.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is the Christian life impossible without the Holy Spirit?
2. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is a permanent resident?
3. How does the seal of the Holy Spirit encourage believers?
4. What is the difference between indwelling and filling?
5. What areas of your life still need surrender?

Application

Take out your keys and ask: 'Holy Spirit, what room of my life have I not fully surrendered?' Pray daily: 'Holy Spirit, lead my thoughts, words, decisions, relationships, and actions today.'

Memory Statements

Indwelling means He lives in me.

Filling means He leads me.

Indwelling means He resides.

Filling means He rules.

Indwelling means He moved in.

Filling means I gave Him the keys.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, I give You the keys. Lead me, guide me, correct me, convict me, and transform me. Have access to every room of my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.