

I AM MAN

REFLECTING GOD'S CHARACTER
IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

Week Eight: "I Am A Man ... Of The Spirit"

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. – Galatians 5:17-18

I. Jesus: A Man of the Spirit

- This may be new to some of you
- It is not something we talk about a lot

A. Jesus: the ultimate example of being "Spirit-filled"

- The Spirit shows up in force in every part of Jesus' mission as Messiah:
 - At His conception and birth (Luke 1:35)
 - At His baptism (Luke 3:21-22; John 1:32-33)
 - In His preaching (Luke 4:14-21)
 - In His ministry work (Matthew 12:18)
 - In His miracles (Matthew 12:22,28)
 - In His temptation (Luke 4:1-2a)
- Jesus the God-man, was deeply _____ on the Holy Spirit
 - He was _____ by the Holy Spirit

B. So how do we follow His example?

- If we are going to be effective men, we must be Spirit filled men
- So what does that mean?

Indwelling

- Takes place at _____
- All _____ are indwelled by the Spirit
- Has nothing to do with you _____ condition
- Sin does not indicate a _____ of His indwelling
- An absence of the Spirit is an indication of an _____ condition (Romans 8:9)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own. – 1 Cor. 6:19

Filling

• What does it mean to be filled?

- Carries the idea of _____ or being under the influence of
- Has to do with daily _____
- It is a requirement for _____
- It is a _____ (“Be filled”)
- It is to be a _____ experience (“Keep on being filled”)
- It is our _____ and available at any time

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. – Ephesians 5:18

• What are the conditions for filling?

- It has nothing to do with _____ to be filled
- 1. It involves _____ (Galatians 5:16)
- 2. It involves _____ (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
- 3. It involves not _____ the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)
 - Acts of _____ sin in a believer’s life grieve the Spirit
 - Sins we stubbornly _____ to
 - The presence of sin grieves Him, specifically sins of _____
 - The remedy is _____ of our sins (1 John 1:19)
- 4. It involves _____ by the Spirit (Romans 8:4; Ephesians 5:25)

• What are the results of be filled?

1. _____
 - the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)
 - we will become more like Christ
2. _____ and _____ (Galatians 5:18)
 - the consequences of being filled are singing and thankfulness
3. He will _____ us (1 Corinthians 2:9-3:2)
 - The scriptures will come alive to us
 - He will make known the truth of God to us (through the Word of God)
4. He will assist us in our _____ life (Romans 8:26)
 - He intercedes
 - He speaks on our behalf
5. He will _____ us for service (John 7:38)
 - service which utilizes the powers He has given us

“Christ was filled with the Spirit that He might be fitted to work and live and die for us. Give thyself to such a Christlike living and dying for men, and thou mayest depend upon it, a Christlike baptism of the Spirit, a Christlike fullness of the Spirit, will be thy portion.” – Andrew Murray, Like Christ

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Week Nine: "I Am A Man ... Of Prayer"

"And in the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there." – Mark 1:35

We all know Jesus prayed, right? We all know the Lord's prayer. Maybe you can even recite it from memory. But have you ever wondered *why* Jesus prayed? After all, He was God in human flesh. He was the Son of God, and as we look at last week, He was filled by the Holy Spirit. So why did He feel the need to pray? The answer to this question is important if we are going to be men that follow Jesus' example of masculinity. If we are going to be truly Christ-like, then it would see that we would want to follow His lead in every area of His life. So that would include His prayer life. This week we are going to explore what Jesus had to say about prayer and how He demonstrated a life of prayer.

- Read the following passages and write out next to each one what you see of significance regarding Jesus' prayer life.

Mark 1:35

Matthew 14:23

Mark 6:45-46

Luke 6:12-13

Luke 5:15-16

Luke 9:18, 28

Why do you think it was so important for Jesus to get alone and pray?

What do you think is the significance of seclusion and solitude when it comes to prayer?

List some of the things that make it difficult for you to pray consistently:

- Read Matthew 6:5-8. These are a few of Jesus' instructions regarding prayer. How would you describe the kind of prayer life Jesus is warning against? What is it characterized by?

According to verse 6, what does Jesus instruct us to do when we pray?

What would be the danger of only praying when others could hear us?

Verse 8 says God knows what we need before we even ask Him, so why should we bother to pray?

- Read Matthew 6:9-13. This is what is referred to most commonly as "The Lord's Prayer." What are some of the lessons you take away from reading this well-known passage?

This is the first time anyone is recorded in the Bible praying to God as "Father." Why do you think this is significant?

What are some of the characteristics of this model or sample prayer Jesus gives us?

Jesus prays, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." What do you think he means by this?

What would the will of God being done on earth look like? Read the following verses for insight:

1 Thessalonians 4:3

Matthew 6:33

Luke 22:42

John 17