

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ❖ Review the **RIBS** acronym regarding the Holy Spirit's initiating work in our lives. Which of these speaks most powerfully to you about God's saving work in you? Is there one you didn't understand or would like to understand better? Can you restate each of the **RIBS** points in your own words? (For example: **REGENERATES** – "He makes me come alive like a new-born child to God.")
- ❖ Notice Jesus' teaching about the Holy Spirit in John 14:15-18, 23-27. What do his words reveal about the identity of the Holy Spirit? What significant things about the Spirit's ministry do you find in these words?
- ❖ Note Jesus' words about the Holy Spirit in John 16:7-15. Who does the Holy Spirit lead us to focus on? Notice again Paul's words from the outline – 2 Corinthians 3:18 – how is this verse related to Jesus' words about the Holy Spirit? How are Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 related to Jesus' words? Have you seen examples of spiritual truths seeming foolish to people who aren't believers?
- ❖ Pastor Ronnie mentioned two ways that the Holy Spirit is equipping our spiritual potential. What are these two ways, and how have they made a difference for you as a believer?
- ❖ How do you seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit daily? When have you seen evidence of the Spirit's empowering you in a way that was unmistakable? In what area of your life do you find yourself especially seeking the Holy Spirit's power and leading?

Bible Versions used: KJV-King James; NKJV-New King James; NIV-New International; NCV-New Century; TLB-Living Bible; NLT-New Living Translation; **Msg**-The Message; **GW**-God's Word; **TEV**-Today's English; **CEV**-Contemporary English; **NAS**-New American Standard; **NJB**-New Jerusalem Bible; **HCSB**-Holman Christian Standard; **Phi**-Phillips Translation; **Amp**-Amplified Bible; **NRSV**-New Revised Standard

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FOUNDATIONS

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"The Holy Spirit & Your Salvation"

The Spirit's *INITIATING* work in me

* He **R**_____ my _____.

Titus 3:5-6 (NAS) He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

* He **I**_____ me _____.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV) 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.

Romans 8:9 (NIV) If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

* He **B**_____ me _____.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT) We have all been baptized into Christ's body by one Spirit, and we have all received the same Spirit.

Galatians 3:27 (NIV) All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

* He **S**_____ me, _____.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV) . Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession.

2 Corinthians 5:5 (TEV) He gave us his Spirit as the guarantee of all that he has in store for us.

□I _____

□P _____

The Spirit's CONTINUING work

* He's _____ with _____

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 (NIV) We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us... The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

* He's _____ for _____

Galatians 3:3 (NCV) You began your life in Christ by the Spirit. Now are you trying to make it complete by your own power? That is foolish. Ephesians 5:18 (NLT) Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you.

* He's _____ in _____

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NRSV) And all of us... seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.