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Scripture: John 14:17; 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

TITLE: What Are You Filled With?

Have you ever put milk into your gas tank? Or have you ever drunk gas instead of milk? If you have, you're probably a walking miracle because you should be dead. But you know that in order to get a car to move or get our bodies to function, they must be filled with the right stuff.

Well, there's one kind of filling that is not only beneficial, but crucial for our eternity. What do I mean? Listen to Jesus' words in John 14:17: ["He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you."](#)

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12 that we are all baptized into God's family by one Spirit. That Spirit – the Holy Spirit is shared by us all. We are all filled with the Holy Spirit. This indwelling of the Spirit only happens once. Just like the sealing we talked about yesterday is a one-time event, but the continual filling of the Spirit should be ongoing.

This indwelling occurs only once for the believer, but the Christian can and should be continually filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). To be filled, we are to avoid sinning (Ephesians 4:30), avoid resisting His influence (1 Thessalonians 5:19), and walk in His power and guidance (Galatians 5:16).

When we are filled with the Spirit, we become illuminated. Illuminated means to see or to know. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians. 2: ["And we have received God's Spirit \(not the world's spirit\), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us:"](#) (1 Corinthians 2:12).

This illumination is not available to everyone, only to those who are saved through Christ. That's why Paul continues, ["But people who aren't spiritual^{\[a\]} can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them, and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means."](#) (1 Corinthians 2:14)

Through the Spirit's illumination, we can discern God's truth and experience it personally through our minds and hearts. The Spirit guides Christ's followers morally and practically (Romans 8:12-14; Acts 13:2). Through the Spirit, Christians are equipped to do good works (Ephesians 2:10).

You see, we can be filled with many things, but not everything is right or beneficial. For the Christian, once saved, we are sealed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. And through His continual filling, we are equipped to know, to obey, and to do all for God's glory.

So, here's my challenge for you today: Be filled with the Spirit. How? Obey him. Avoid sinning. Flee from temptation. Listen to His leading. Read in the Bible. And as Galatians 5:16 says, walk in His power and guidance.

When we are filled with the Spirit, we aren't reliant on our own knowledge, strength, or wit; we are dependent upon the one true source of power and wisdom. So, let's let the Spirit fill us which will help us win the day!