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Philippians 2:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

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Matthew 20:25b-28, Acts 1:8

TWO KINDS OF CHRISTIANS

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 — spiritual and worldly (carnal)
Romans 7 and Romans 8 — self-propelled and Spirit-driven
Ephesians 5:18 — filled and not filled

STEPS TO A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

The opportunity to **experience** the **two realities** of sanctification is available to every believer. The path to the Spirit-filled life involves faith-filled risks that always involve change.

+ **Surrender:** You cannot make yourself holy any more than you can make yourself saved. *Romans 6:11; Romans 12:1-2*

+ **Accept:** Christ is your Sanctifier in the same way that He is your Savior!
Colossians 2:6; Galatians 2:20

+ **Abide:** Maintain a continuous relationship with Jesus through obedience to His Word. *John 15:1-11*

The Holy Spirit is more than _____.

EVIDENCES OF SPIRIT-BAPTISM/SPIRIT-FILLED PERSON: Power and Desire manifesting the Fruit and Gifts

+ **Power:** motivation, focus, and direction

+ **Power to stay** (faithful) in hard times and circumstances to reorder our desires and what we love.

+ **Desire and power to live a Jesus saturated and centred life** (Sanctification/Theosis)

Odds and Ends

TAKE OUTS

- + Two kinds of Christians...you have a choice.
- + Repent of grieving or pushing away the Holy Spirit. God will not force you to walk in relationship or step with the spirit.
- + Spend time asking for a fresh touch or inner filling of the Holy Spirit whenever you sense you are operating in your strength alone

Believing the Holy Spirit

The Tale of Two Christians

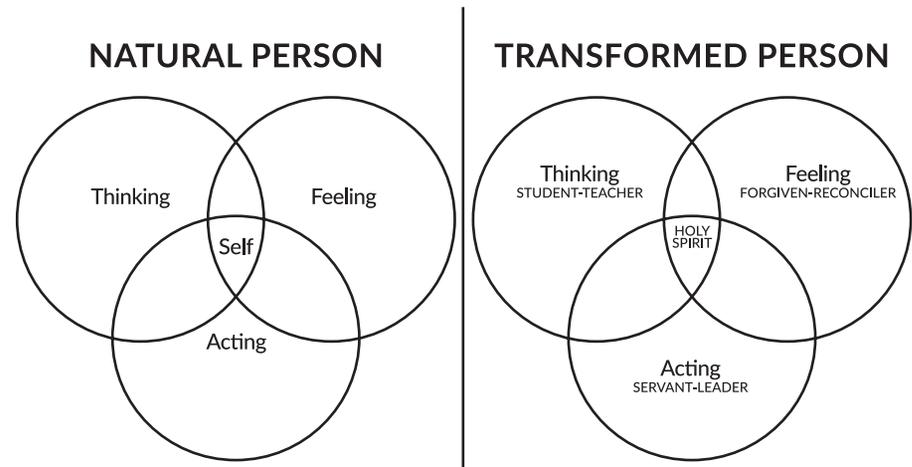
REVIEW: WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

- + To become acquainted with the Holy Spirit
- + To explore how we receive the Holy Spirit
 - Scott Mcknight's recent work, *Open to the Spirit*, opens by saying that we humans have a choice - we are open or not. We often choose not to be open mainly because of reasons: (1) We don't want transforming power, and (2) We don't want His transforming presence in our life, because we would rather not change.
- + To be transformed by the Holy Spirit

How might you be transformed by the Holy Spirit?

Speaking in tongues or performing miracles is not the greatest evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit. The greatest evidence is the transformation of your thoughts, feelings, and actions.

By creating us in his image, God gave each of us the capacity to think, to feel, to act, and to receive his Spirit. Unfortunately, too often we cut ourselves off from the Spirit of God and selfishly determine the way we think, feel, and act.



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Romans 12:2b