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# Eight Steps to Being Filled (Step 8: Transformed by the Holy Spirit)

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## The Fullness of the Holy Spirit

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***Sermon: The Fullness of the Holy Spirit: Eight Steps to Being Filled (Step 8: Transformed by the Holy Spirit)***

***New Series Messages: “The Fullness of the Holy Spirit”***

- **Being Filled with the Holy Spirit is A Continuous Process, Not A Singular Event.**
- Theme Scripture: Ephesians 5: <sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
- Subject: ***The Process of Being Filled (Drunk with New Wine) – New Walk, Look, Talk***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 1: Submit to the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 2: Convicted by the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 3: Guided by the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 4: Obeying the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 5: Studying the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 6: Fasting and Praying in the Holy Spirit)***
- Subject: ***Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 7: Creating A New Life in the Holy Spirit)***
  - Creating a New Life from the Past (Consequences)
  - Creating a New Life from the Present (Condemnation)
  - Creating a New Life from the Future (Conviction)

***Lesson Text***

Romans 12:1–2 (AV)<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:19–21 (AV)<sup>19</sup> Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. <sup>21</sup> Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Study the Entire 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans

***Introduction***

Today we conclude our series on the Fulness of the Holy Spirit, the Steps to being Filled with the Holy Ghost. Starting next week we will begin to look at the Fruit of the Spirit and then the Gifts of the Spirit. But let’s now finish with the Fulness of the Spirit.

In the 8<sup>th</sup> Step and final step we will discuss to being filled with the Holy Spirit, we now look at a most vital aspect of the Holy Spirit in our present life which is to Transform us.

In our previous sermon, we studied a New Life (which is how God sees us), but today we look at a Transformed Life (which is how we must see ourselves).

Life is not about who we are, what we're able to obtain, what we accumulation, how many people like us, how much power we have, or how happy we are; it's about a battle!

Ephesians 6:12 (AV)<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Without God, we lived a life of victimization; being a victim of what people did to us, a victim of the hand life gave us, a victim of the unclean spirits that attack us.

But when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, He Transforms us from being a victim of life, to a victorious in life!

Romans 12: <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind (*What we think*), that ye may prove (*What we know*) what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (*What we do*).

***Series and Sermon: The Fullness of the Holy Spirit: Eight Steps to Being Filled (Step 8: Transformed by the Holy Spirit)***

“We're Victorious when we Transform What We Think, What We Know, and What We Do!”

***I. Transformed By What You Think***

Romans 12: 2 (AV) <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the *renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The true battle that we face as Christians have less to do with what's going on in our lives, but what's going on in our minds.

Most people stress out based on what's going on with the marriage or relationships, what's going on with their money, or their business or career.

And what they fail to understand is the real battle is never about what's happening to them, but what's going on within them. Our real battle is in the battlefield of the mind.

It's not about what's happening to you, but how you think about what's happening to you.

Proverbs 23:7 (AV)<sup>7</sup> For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: ...

Luke 6:45 (AV)<sup>45</sup> A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

And so the battle is never about our marriage, our friends, our money, our job; but our heart!

**The Holy Spirit Transforms us by Changing What We Think!**

Isaiah 26:3 (AV)<sup>3</sup> Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

Philippians 4:6–8 (AV)<sup>6</sup> Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

When we change what we think, we transform what we produce!

## ***II. Transformed By What You Know***

Romans 12: 2 (AV) <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that ye may prove** what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The next level of the Christian Battle moves to the battlefield of knowledge; it's not just what we think, but what we can prove.

Many Christians fail at this stage of the battle because they can't prove who they are.

They get frustrated with the trials and tribulations, can't take the afflictions, give up because of all the troubles; failing to understand that these are the things that prove who you are.

### **The Holy Spirit Transforms us by Proving What we Know!**

There're two ways the Holy Spirit transforms us through proving what we know; Study & Test

1. (STUDY) 2 Timothy 2:15 (AV)<sup>15</sup> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
2. (TEST & TRIALS) James 1:2–3 (AV)<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; <sup>3</sup> Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

Without knowledge we become Victims of our tests, trials, troubles, and tribulations. But when we know the Word of God, we become Victors proving who we are and whose we are.

Romans 8:28 (AV)<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

## ***III. Transformed By What You Do***

Romans 12: 2 (AV) <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that **good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

The final stage of the Christian Battle is the battlefield of what we do!

When life attacks us, challenges us, troubles us, causes struggles within us, betrays us, depresses us, and hates us, we have a battle as to what we will do.

Unfortunately, too many Christians, love their neighbor and hate their enemies. They give an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. They respond to evil with evil!

### **The Holy Spirit Transforms us by Doing What is Good!**

We will always be confronted with evil; and the question is what will we do when it happens?

Romans 12:19–21 (AV)<sup>19</sup> Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. <sup>21</sup> Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

When we are filled with Holy Spirit, He Transforms what we think, He Transforms what we know, and He Transform what we do.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit

- He Transforms how we think about ourselves: Romans 12:<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
- He Transforms how we love each other: Romans 12:<sup>10</sup> *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
- He Transforms our Praise: Romans 12:<sup>12</sup> Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
- He Transforms our Response to Evil: Romans 12:21 (AV)<sup>21</sup> Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Eight Steps to Being Filled (STEP 8: Transformed by the Holy Spirit))**

**Study Tools:**

- Sermon Video and Notes: <https://victoriouspraise.org/>
- Bibles, Commentaries, and Dictionaries: <https://biblehub.com/tools.htm>
- Book Source: [“The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit”](#); Read the Following Chapters:
  - “Do you have to speak in tongues to edify yourself?”
  - “Does Praying in the Spirit mean Praying in Tongues?”

**Lesson Text**

- Romans 12:1-2, Romans 12:21, Entire 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans

**Sermon Outline**

- I. Transformed By What You Think
- II. Transformed By What You Know
- III. Transformed By What You Do

**Questions**

**I. Getting to Know “Me”**

1. If you could be transformed into any vehicle, what would it be?
2. This is the last message on being filled with the Holy Spirit. Which message in the series has been the most significant or impactful to you and Why?

**II. Into the Bible**

1. According to Philippians 2:12–13, how do we work out our salvation? What role does the Holy Spirit play in this process?
2. Study James 1:2-10, 12-15. Answer the following questions: (a) What is the difference between the trying of our faith (verse 3) and being tempted (verse 14)? (b) How does the Holy Spirit help us with each?

**III. Life Application**

1. Was there any one thing that you most agreed with or disagreed with from Sunday’s sermon? What was it and why?
2. What would you say to a member of your growth group who is frustrated and discouraged by so many trials and tribulations he is experiencing right now in his life? What scriptures would you encourage him to study?

**Prayer:**

- **Prayer Request:**
- **Personal Prayer:**