




## CONNECT

Are Christians spiritual?

When is a believer in Jesus Christ given the Holy Spirit?

(See Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) and Ephesians 1:13-14 (NLT))

## VERSES

**Ephesians 5:18**

"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit." NLT

"Don't drink too much wine, for many evils lie along that path; be filled instead with the Holy Spirit and be controlled by him." TLB

**Colossians 3:16 (TLB)**

"Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives." TLB

**Note:** These two Scripture commands, Ephesians 5:18b and Colossians 3:16, have the same meaning.

# STUDY

1. Are there similarities between being full of wine and being full of the Holy Spirit? For example, being full of wine can lead you to sin. Full of the Holy Spirit can lead you away from sin and to Jesus Christ.

2. Compare Colossians 3:16-17 with Ephesians 5:18-21. What are the similarities and what are the differences?

3. The life of being filled by the Holy Spirit is marked by living a life demonstrated by certain characteristics as described in Ephesians 5:19-21. What are these characteristics?

## DISCUSS

1. Read 1 Corinthians 2:14. How does this verse describe people, men and women, who do not have the Holy Spirit?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 2:15-16. How do these verses describe believers, women and men, who demonstrate being filled with the Holy Spirit in their daily lives, filling, controlling and directing you in life?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-3. How do these verses describe the immature or “baby” Christian believer (or worldly or carnal Christian believer) who has the Holy Spirit, but lives life without the direction of the Holy Spirit, disobedient to God’s word, and without the power of the Holy Spirit?

# SHARE

Where are you in your relationship with the Holy Spirit? What do you need to do to become filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit?
Please share your story with the group if you are comfortable to do so.

# GROW

Lord, I pray and ask your forgiveness if my daily life is sometimes absent from guidance and direction from the Holy Spirit. Lord, please help me to be obedient and completely controlled and filled by the Holy Spirit in my daily life. In Jesus Name, Amen.