

Study Guide

Study Scriptures: John 14.17-18

Message: 'Presence of the Holy Spirit – **With** you and **In** you.'

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Basic – Instructions – Before - Leaving - Earth

Review: The start of the church on Pentecost leaves us with three primary principles for the church:

1. **Dependence** on the presence of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1.8)
2. **Bold witness** of the gospel through the Holy Spirit (Acts 2.38-39)
3. **Communal** life through the Holy Spirit (Acts 2.42)

Being **filled** with the Holy Spirit shouldn't sound casual. It should make you **pause** and **reflect** on, 'What am I opening myself up to and committing to by receiving the Holy Spirit?'

Reflection:

1. What spiritual reality am I participating in?
2. What spiritual transformation am I inviting into my life?
3. What does the Spirit require of me afterwards?

Example: Communion shouldn't feel casual. Eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ is meant to cause you to reflect on the sacrifice, and to seriously consider what you're opening yourself up to and committing yourself to.

1. What does Christ sacrifice mean to me personally?
2. What covenant agreement am I making?
3. What transformation am I inviting into my life?

'Presence of the Holy Spirit – **With** you and **In** you.'

- **With you – external** presence and activity, not permanent presence.
 - **In you – internal** presence transforming the mind, producing the character of Christ, conviction, comfort, and guidance.
1. _____ of the Spirit – v17a. 'the Spirit of **truth**...' The Spirit reveals God's truth, guides believers into truth, and helps them discern truth from error.
 2. _____ by the World – v17b. 'whom the world **cannot receive**, because it neither sees Him **nor knows Him**;' The culture cannot know the Spirit if He does not reveal Himself and they receive Christ by faith.

3. _____ with Believers - v17c. but you **know** Him, for he **dwells with you** and will be **in you**. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.'

Application: Presence of the Holy Spirit within:

1. _____ by the Spirit – **Galatians 5.25**. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us **follow the Spirit's leading** in every part of our lives. (NLT)

Presence of the Spirit within is evident as your mind is being transformed into the likeness of Christ. Your desires begin to shift from sin and self-centered ambitions to a wholehearted desire to serve God's purpose in everything you do.

2. _____ in the Spirit – **1 Corinthians 2.4**. 'My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with the demonstration of the Spirit's power.' (NKJV)

Presence of the Spirit within is evident when the teacher is dependent on the Holy Spirit, not their wisdom or charisma. Their teaching is Christ-centered, drawing people to Christ and not themselves.

3. _____ in the Spirit – **Ephesians 5.18**. 'Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be **filled with the Spirit**, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart.' (NIV)

Presence of the Spirit within is evident when the worshipper is dependent on the Spirit - focus is **not on** being seen, admired, or impressive. The worshipper becomes a vessel pointing people toward God rather than toward themselves.

4. _____ in the Spirit – **Ephesians 6.18**. 'Praying at **all times in the Spirit**, with all prayer and supplication...' (NKJV)

Presence of the Holy Spirit within is evident when prayer is not merely speaking; it is fellowship with God. Words become sincere, dependent, alive, spirit-led, rooted in truth. The person is not trying to sound spiritual but from their heart reaching for the face of God (presence).

Takeaway: 'Presence of the Holy Spirit – With you and In you.'

1. Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to shape my thinking according to God's truth, or am I being influenced by the world's values?
2. Do I depend on the Holy Spirit to help me understand God's Word and recognize His work in my life?
3. Is there evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in my life through a growing desire to reflect Christ and serve God's purpose?