

"The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit" Ephesians 5:15-20, Galatians 5:16-23

September 18 & 21, 2016: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Our relationship with the Holy Spirit is a source of <u>transformational</u> power for the real issues of our lives.

Galatians 5:25 NIV

I. Obey the Command to Be <u>Filled</u>, Every Day, with the Holy Spirit!

Debauchery is a Bible word that refers to immoral excess!

- Drunken people are under the influence of a <u>drug</u>.
- Spirit-filled followers of Jesus choose to be under the influence of the Holy Spirit!

We are called to be – "being filled" with the Spirit all the time!

You can't <u>transform</u> yourself spiritually any more than you can save yourself! That is all the work of the Holy Spirit!

There are three stages in our spiritual life and the Holy Spirit is involved in every one!

- 1. Justification <u>Positional</u> holiness: saved by faith in Jesus, as opposed to any meritorious works, and considered holy by God because of Jesus. *Romans* 3:23-24
- 2. Sanctification <u>Practical</u> holiness: personally transformed by the influence of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 7:21-25*
- 3. Glorification: <u>Eternal</u> holiness: perfectly transformed at death or the return of Christ when the desires of the flesh are finally submitted to the Holy Spirit and we live in complete maturity in the presence of God. *1 Corinthians* 15:51-54

II. Cultivate the Fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:16-23

Theologians have categorized the "acts of the sinful nature" into three groups: sensual sins, religious sins and <u>relational</u> sins.

1 John 4:7; Nehemiah 8:10; Philippians 4:7

The Holy Spirit wants to fill you with His character and transform your heart from the inside out! Choose His influence!

Ministry Opportunities

For the full list of upcoming events, visit CompassionChristian.com/events.

Candy Collection

Throughout September

We are collecting individually wrapped candy for prizes at our upcoming Country Carnival event Saturday, Oct. 8. Please leave donations in the collection bin by the Global Outreach wall in the lobby.

Spiritual Growth Classes

6:15 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 21 - Nov. 9

Lighthouse Building across the street

These classes help you connect more deeply with Christ and lead others to do the same. You'll focus on building a life-changing relationship with God, creating healthier relationships with others and discovering how to use your gifts to serve Jesus with joy and passion. For more information, e-mail Aida at areyes@compassionchristian.com.

Celebrate Recovery's 10th Anniversary

7 - 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Over the last 10 years, Celebrate Recovery has helped many men and women find freedom and healing from past hurts, addictions and compulsive behaviors. Join us for an evening of celebration led by Cam as we look back on these victories and look forward to seeing Jesus change more lives through this ministry in the future.

Machine Gun Preacher

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15 and 16

Henderson Campus and Savannah Harley Davidson

Sam Childers is joining us for a weekend of events including a motorcycle run, an evening event and a worship service at the Harley Davidson shop. Visit CompassionGO.com for information about these events and to watch the movie inspired by the true story of Childers's calling to rescue child soldiers from the LRA in East Africa.

2016 Year-To-Date Giving and Attendance

Information through August is available at CompassionChristian.com/give.