

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 90

*The "Spirit Filled Believer" in "Fellowship" with
God the Father and His Son Jesus!
Can We Lose These & More as Believers?*



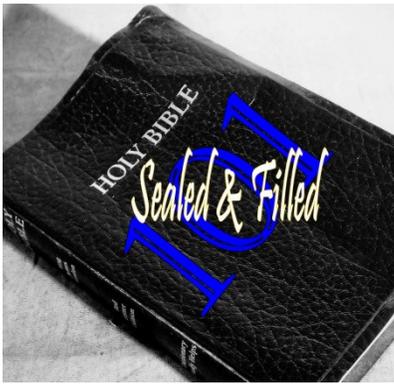
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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. **(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."** **(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us His One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."**



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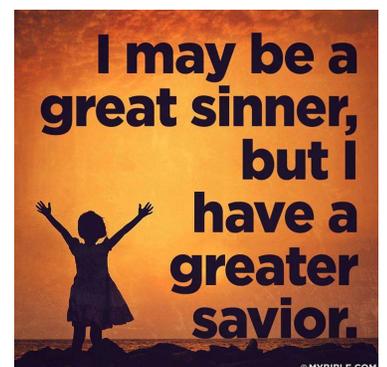


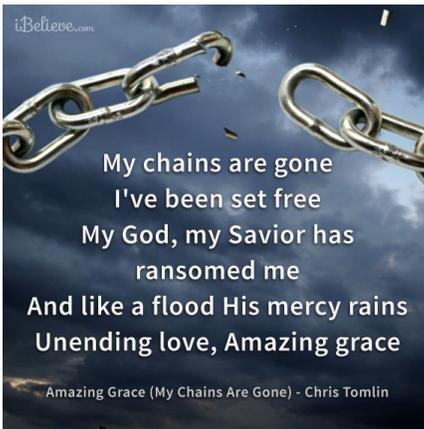
If you are a believer in Jesus Christ today, you have a unique "Spirit filled" life. You also have "fellowship" with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. You have Eternal Life in Christ. You have this "Spirit filled" life, "fellowship" and "Eternal Life" because you believed by faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and God's GRACE (not your faith) saved you and God instantly placed the Holy Spirit inside your body to indwell or live inside of you PERMANENTLY. Talk about

Spirit filled!!!! God also gave you a human spirit that communicates with the Holy Spirit so we can understand the spiritual things of God. That's why you have a unique "Spirit filled" life of "fellowship" with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. That's why you have Eternal Life. Without God the Holy Spirit living inside of you with His activity and His power there is no unique Christian "Spirit filled" life or "fellowship" with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ or "Eternal Life."

Give thanks and praise to our Father for His genius plan, right, kids?

We're going to go through **1 John chapters 1, 3 & 5** in this lesson to see if believers can lose that "Spirit filled" life or their "fellowship" with God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ when we sin like some claim. Oh by the way, in case you are a new believer, just because God has saved us doesn't mean we won't sin after we are saved. God left us in our fleshly bodies after salvation and because of that we will sin until we die or go up to Jesus in the Rapture.





What salvation does DO for us though is that we are NO LONGER SLAVES to our sinful flesh because God set us free through Jesus' work on the Cross and gave us the Spirit to LIVE inside us to fight our flesh and help us make Spirit filled decisions from God's TRUTH.

Cool, right?

The unbeliever CANNOT EVER get away from his sinfulness...the unbeliever is a slave to sinfulness in his flesh.

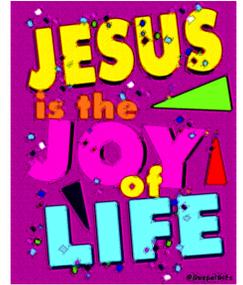
There has been a controversy for many, many years among pastor/teachers that involves a verse in **1 John 1**. That verse is **1 John 1:9**. Here's what controversy is: it says that if we do not confess our sins to the Father then we lose the Spirit filled life or the filling of the Spirit and our fellowship with God temporarily until we do confess!!!! How can this be since NOWHERE in the Bible does God say that. How can we lose the things God gave us permanently? We simply CANNOT!! Let's explore.

Now let's read chapter 1 of 1st John. Please take your time when you read this chapter. **1 John 1:1-10** "That (Jesus) which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life... (2) The Life was shown and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal Life, which was with the Father and was shown to us... (3) That which we have seen and heard we declare also to you, so that you too may **have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.** (4) And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. (5) This is the message we have heard from Him (God the Father) and declare to you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. (6) If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. (7) But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (8) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **(9) If we confess our sins, He (God the Father) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (10) If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

*God who has called you into
fellowship with his Son
Jesus Christ our Lord, is
faithful* 1 Corinthians 1:9

Let's look at the things John teaches us **1 John 1?**

Well he tells us in **verses 3-5** that we (believers) have "fellowship" with John and the Apostles (and all believers) and INDEED our "fellowship" is also with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ!!!! Then we find that our joy will be complete with this "fellowship." It also tells us that God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all.



We also found in **verse 6** that if we (unbelievers) say we have fellowship with Him but we (unbelievers) walk in darkness, we (unbelievers) lie and do not practice the truth.



Then in **verse 7** he says if we (believers) walk in the Light, as He (God) is in the light, we (believers) have fellowship with one another (believers) and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Then in **verse 8** he tells us that if we (unbelievers) say we have no sin, we (unbelievers) deceive ourselves and the Truth is not in us.

Then in **verse 9** he tells us that if we (believers) confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just to forgive us (believers) our sins and to cleanse us (believers) from all unrighteousness.

And lastly in **verse 10**, he tells us if we (unbelievers) say we have not sinned, we (unbelievers) lie and the Truth is not in us.

Do you see the pattern in the chapter? John shows us the contrast between believers and unbelievers in alternating verses and their behaviors because BOTH were in his audience when he was teaching and preaching.

We went through the entire chapter and we can come to this conclusion about **1 John 1**. It did NOT say anywhere in the entire chapter that we can lose being "filled with the Spirit" or lose our "fellowship with God the Father and His Son Jesus" when we sin, did it? Absolutely NOT! Absolutely NOT!

Now let's look at **1 John 3:23-4:4**: "This is His (God the Father's) commandment that **we believe** in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and **love one another**, just as He commanded us. (24) Whoever keeps His commandments lives in Him, and He in him. **We know by this that He lives in us, by the SPIRIT whom He has given us.**" 1 John 4:1 "Beloved,

do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. (2) By this you know the Spirit of God: **every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God**, (3) and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. (4) Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He (Holy Spirit) who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world."



In this passage of **1 John 3:23** that comes before the appearance of the Holy Spirit in **1 John 3**, we are given two commandments from God:

- Believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ.
- Love one another.

Note there is NOTHING about confessing our sins in connection with the Holy Spirit whom He has given to live inside of us.

What is the testimony of the Spirit leading to? It is leading to the fact that God has given us ETERNAL LIFE. This life is in the Son, Jesus Christ. He who has the Son has the Eternal Life.

1 John 5:13-15 says, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may KNOW that you have eternal life. (14) This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, **if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.** (15) And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."

Here we have the purpose of this entire letter. **That you may know you have Eternal Life.** This is all in **1 John**, the confession letter, found when we took a walk looking for the Holy Spirit and what He does for us at salvation and beyond in our daily lives as believers.



So it sure seems from the facts of the letter of **1 John** that the Holy Spirit is much more interested in having us confess Jesus Christ than our sins! And in fact He is the one behind anyone who confesses Christ as Savior.

By the way, the Apostle Paul...the one who really tells us how to live the unique "Spirit filled" life of the Church Age...repeats this statement in a great chapter in **1 Cor 12:3** that speaks of the activity of the Holy Spirit in the

Church Age believer. It's one of our spiritual gifts chapters: "Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the (Holy) Spirit of God says, 'Jesus is cursed'; and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' **except by the Holy Spirit** (living inside of him)."

So let's summarize what we have learned about the Holy Spirit in **1 John**:

1. The "filling of the Spirit" or being "Spirit filled" is NOT mentioned.
2. The Holy Spirit indwells or lives in all Church Age believers.
3. The Holy Spirit teaches us. No ifs, ands, or buts about it.
4. John's teaching points us to the promise of our "Eternal Life."
5. The Holy Spirit is interested in our confession. He wants us to confess Jesus Christ as our Savior.
6. The commands we are encouraged to fulfill in honoring the Holy Spirit include:
 - a. Let the teachings live permanently in you. Let the Word you have been taught live richly in you. Keep it close...USE IT.
 - b. Believe. Have Faith in the testimony given by the Holy Spirit.
 - c. Love one another.
7. The Holy Spirit is on the scene according to **1 John** to testify, so that we may know that we have "Eternal Life," and it can be found, even now, that "Eternal Life," is living in God's Son.



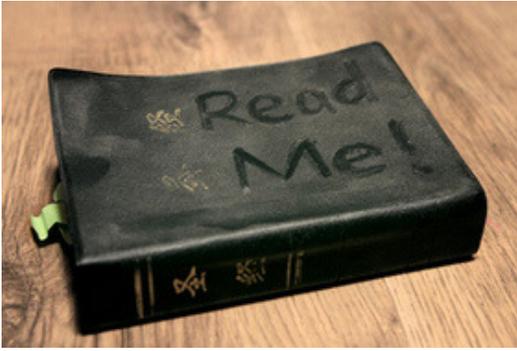
So we reached the end of **1 John**. REMEMBER! **1 John 5:13-15** "**These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have Eternal Life.** (14) This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, **if we ask anything according to His will, He hears**

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The entire purpose again of **1 John** is to assure us that we have Eternal Life in Jesus Christ. This is followed by a great encouragement to prayer, knowing that we how believe, and come to understand the will of the Father (and obey it) why if we ask ANYTHING according to that will, He hears us. That's amazing, kids.

Notice it does not say here that if we confess our sins, He hears us. It says if we know the will of God, and ask according to that will, He hears us.

Wow. No loss of the "Spirit filled" life (the filling of the Spirit), no loss of "fellowship" and no loss of "eternal life!!!!"



So if someone ever tells you that God does not hear you unless you confess your sins or that your prayer goes no farther than the top of the ceiling and bounces back, you will not take that seriously and you will reject it because it is NOT found in the Bible.

You are a born again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, blood bought, and indwelt by the Spirit in fellowship with God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ and you have Eternal Life.

There is no Scripture that they can point to that backs up what they say about losing the "Spirit filled" life (filling of the Spirit) or "fellowship" with God and His Son or your Eternal Life.

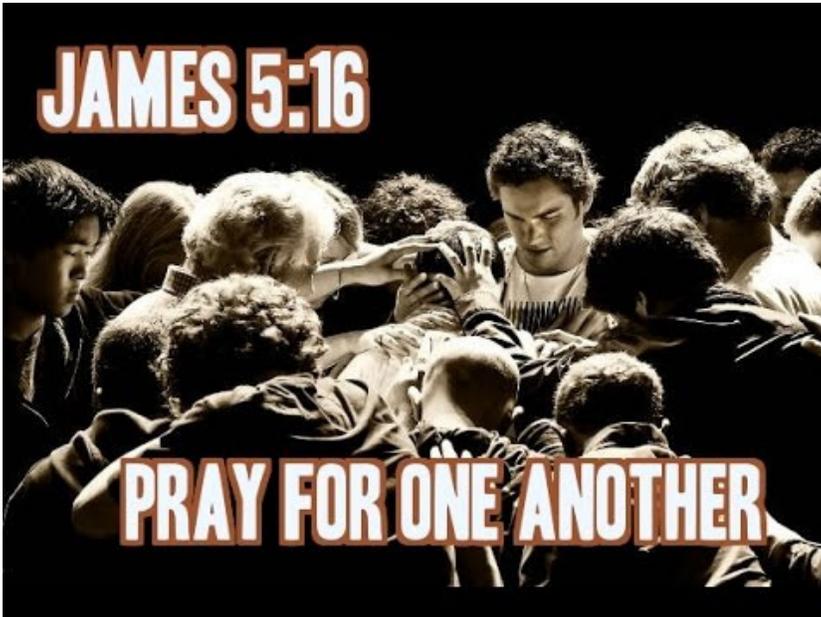
Just so you know there are scriptures that say your prayers can be hindered but they're not hindered because you didn't confess your sins but they may be hindered for other reasons...and so those are the reasons that should convict our hearts.

Reasons like husbands not showing honor and understanding toward their wives who are fellow heirs of the grace of life, which is a body of Christ issue and a love issue. **1 Peter 3:7-10 "You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. (8) Finally, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; (9) not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing."**

So that's what they SHOULD be telling you... and what God is telling you. And Peter says to show your wife honor so your prayers will not be hindered. He does not say they won't be heard or that they bounce off the ceiling and hit the floor.

If you examined every mention of the words prayers, prayer, pray, praying in the New Testament, including all the times the saints are praying in the book of acts, all of the pleas to prayer that Paul gives to us, and in NO

INSTANCE, NOT ONE, does the Scripture say that the saints had to confess their sins in order to pray...NOT one place in the New Testament.



James 5:16 comes the closest to telling us to confess but the commands are to confess your sins TO ONE ANOTHER and to pray FOR ONE ANOTHER. "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

It's about faith...it's about the Word of God living in you...it's about knowing the will of God and asking according to God's will...it's about LOVE.

It's NOTHING about the need to confess sins first. NOTHING. The Bible tells us to pray at all times IN THE SPIRIT and nothing about needing to confess sins to be sure you are filled with the Spirit or Spirit filled!

Don't be fooled. Always go with what the Bible teaches us, kids.

Close in prayer.

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