

## **D.N.A., Jesus in me (Part 4)**

### **“I Am the Temple of God”**

(1 Corinthians 19, 20)

**Introduction:** If you look around you, people generally look the same. For the most part, we have the same body parts, we all talk, we walk, we converse, we see, and we hear. On the outside, you would think people are just people. But, God said it is what is on the inside that counts. Jesus sees only two types of people in the world, and the difference between them is the Holy Spirit. One type of person has the Holy Spirit living inside him, and the other type does not. Our spiritual DNA test provided by scripture completely changes our perspective and our position in life. We are not who we used to be in the body!

Like a surprise DNA test result, the Apostle Paul asks, “...do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

In our text, Paul is writing to the church at Corinth (and us today). Paul is addressing these believers at Corinth to correct many errors in both their private and public behavior that were not becoming of who they were in Christ. (He is reminding them and us of the DNA which shows we belong to Jesus! As such...

#### **I. There is a new presence in my life: (v. 19)**

- A. This was a promise made by Jesus – (John 14:1-17)**
- B. This was a promise delivered at Pentecost – (Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2)**
- C. This is a promise possessed by every believer today (Rom 8:9-11)**

#### **II. There is a new power in my life:**

As there was life transforming power in the disciples, there is in us too!

- A. This is the Key to Christian living –**
- B. There is confusion about the Holy Spirit – (Rom. 8:6-9)**  
(1 Cor. 12:13)
- C. This is a command to be followed – (Eph. 5:18)**  
A look at the meaning of the word “fill” helps us understand better... (3 meanings)

- 1. Pressure –** like the wind fills a sail
- 2. Permeation –** As salt permeates a thing, it also adds flavor
- 3. Total control –** this is the most popular use of the word, it means to dominate. (Jn. 16:6; Lk. 5:26; Lk. 6:11; Eph. 5:18)
- 4. To be filled is to be totally driven or controlled by the Holy Spirit like Jesus was.** (Mt. 4:1; Lk. 4:1; Mk. 1:12)

#### **III. There is a new Purpose in my life: (v. 19b, 20)**

Paul reminds us – we are not our own, our life and body belong to God! “therefore glorify God...” How can I do this?

- A. I have to acknowledge He owns me**
- B. I have to allow Him to fill me – (Eph. 5:18 – 6:9; Col. 3:16-22; Gal. 5:22,23)**
- C. I must remember I am always in the presence of God!** (Col. 3:17; 1 Cor. 10:31)

#### **IV. There is a new Pattern in my life:**

- A. We are commanded (Eph. 5:18) to be filled** (Jn. 3:30; Gal. 2:20)
- B. We are to be continually being filled (controlled) every day.**
- C. We are to be careful -** Let there be no attitude or actions that will grieve or quench the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thes. 5:19) in our lives! The way to avoid these things and the things that cause them is to...
  1. Desire to be filled by the Holy Spirit!
  2. Determine to be being filled moment to moment day to day!
  3. Do it...Do what is necessary to follow this command of being filled of the Spirit and live as the temple of God!

**Set the pace every day: P.A.C.E.** By begging every day with...

**P.-** Praising .

**A. –** affirming who we are in Christ)

**C.** Control – today I surrender total control of my life

**E.** Expectations, expect that today I will be being filled all day long

**Conclusion:** Paul says, knowing we are the temple of God, we should live like it! Can you imagine the difference and the impact we will have on this community when we do this??