

# Welcome to New Life !

We are very pleased you are here. It is an honor to have you worshipping with us today! This information is provided to help you feel welcome and "at home."

## Worship in Singing & Giving

- We leave how to worship up to you as an individual. During **singing** worship some people remain seated, some stand, others kneel, many clap, and some lift their hands. The outward expression is not the issue - it is what is in your heart that counts. Just relax and enjoy the presence of God.
- If you would like to receive personal **prayer** during worship with singing, you may go to one of the Prayer Teams located at the back of the sanctuary.
- Invitation is given for **tithes and offerings**. If you are our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute when God's tithes and offerings are received.

## Worship in Sharing God's Love

Expressions of greeting and God's love are extended to all, especially to our guests.

## Worship in Meditating on God's Word

Teaching from the Bible for about 35 minutes.

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We encourage you to use our **staffed Nursery** [which has a private nursing room] and **Children's Churches** during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating the various rooms.

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Pastor Bob Wine

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## HOW TO TAP INTO SUPERNATURAL SUPPORT

*"Surrender to the Holy Spirit's help"*

John 14:26

As we walk on our spiritual journey, could it be some of us surrender our control factor more fully to God than others?

### 1. WHAT CAN I DO TO RECEIVE MORE SUPERNATURAL SUPPORT?

- The keys that most consistently unlock divine support are **humility** and **surrender** before God.

**Isaiah 57:15b** (NLT) "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with **repentant hearts**."

- In contrast, God "*resists the proud*" and says a rebellious attitude, wherever it is found, is as demonic "*witchcraft*."

- The trigger point of **authentic salvation** is not a prayer prayed, or bowing at an altar, but when a person humbles themselves and surrenders the control of their life to Him.

**Acts 16:31** "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved ..."

### 2. GOD'S REWARD IS DISPROPORTIONATE TO OUR HUMBLE SURRENDER

- As you choose to surrender to God's authority, the Holy Spirit gives you supernatural help to do what you can't do for yourself.

- The Holy Spirit **regenerates** your heart

- The Holy Spirit also comes to live **within** you

**John 14:17** (NLT) "... the Holy Spirit ... lives with you now and later will be in you."

**Romans 8:9** (NLT) "... those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all."

- If you have truly surrendered to Christ, you have the Holy Spirit living in you.

- God’s Word promises the Holy Spirit will:
  - ... convict and purify you from your sin
  - ... teach and guide you into all truth
  - ... comfort, inspire, confirm in your heart what is from Him, and will even pray on your behalf

- After Jesus’ death and resurrection, He met with His disciples ...

**John 20:22** “... he breathed on them and said, ‘**Receive the Holy Spirit.**’”

- When you give the Holy Spirit unlimited access, He fills all your life.

**Ephesians 5:18** (NLT) “Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

- Jesus commanded His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received additional divine power to further enable them to be effective witnesses of His life and power.

**Acts 2:4** (NIV) “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

- The more you surrender, the more you are able to **enjoy** of God’s Spirit.
- You must choose to surrender your self-control and pride in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit so He can have full control of you.
- It’s all about loving God, **not His gifts.**
- The Greek word translated “filled” literally means: to be fully supplied or flooded with all the fullness of God, or “complete in Him.”
- The International Standard Bible translates it “**keep on being filled.**”

- How do you know if you are filled?

1. You find yourself **witnessing more powerfully** of Christ’s life-changing power. [If you don’t want to do that, you certainly cannot claim to be “filled with the Spirit” because that’s the primary purpose for it.]

2. You will have the “fruit of God’s Spirit” becoming more evident in your life: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

- God’s way is to give us all the grace we can hold, but we receive it as we abandon more of ourselves to His control.

**The more you yield your life, the more room you are making for Him to fill and work through you.**

## Digging Deeper –

### “How to Tap Into Supernatural Support”

For personal or small group study

Week of March 29, 2009

Did you have an “AHA” moment from the sermon or sermon notes? If so, what was it and how has it impacted you?

#### GROUP DISCUSSION or PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. *Have you ever wanted or needed more of God’s supernatural power and support?* Describe a time or experience where God’s supernatural support helped you, or someone you know, do what you couldn’t do for yourself. How did it impact you or make you feel?
2. What part does humility and surrender play in our receiving that something extra from God ... that supernatural support? How will this help strengthen your journey with Christ? [Isaiah 57:15; 1 Peter 5:5-7; James 4:6-7; 1 Samuel 15:23; Acts 16:31; Luke 9:23-24]
3. What is your image of the Holy Spirit? How do you see the Holy Spirit impacting your life? To what degree of importance is it to humble and yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit? How does joy come from this? [John 14:15-20; Romans 6:13, 8:9; John 20:22; Acts 4:8; Zechariah 4:6]
4. The Holy Spirit is a person ... He is God. He is not just an influence or a power. Do you think it is possible for our relationship with the Holy Spirit to ever weaken or leak? [Galatians 3:3] If so, how?

Read Ephesians 5:18; Acts 1:8 and Romans 8: 8-11, 15-16, 26-27. (Remember to “be filled” means to “keep on being filled.”) According to these scriptures, do we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit? What is the purpose of being filled with the Spirit? Is it a one time experience? How could a rechargeable battery be a symbolic example of being filled with Spirit?

What must you have to be filled, and what are some evidences that you have been filled?

Ask yourself this question: “*If I am thirsty or hungry, what do I do?*” [1 Corinthians 14:1; Acts 1:5, 8; 2:1-5; 8:14-19; 10:44-46; 19:17; 1 John 2:27; Galatians 5: 22-23; Colossians 3:12-17]