

- I. God is Spirit (v.12).**
  - A. No one has ever seen God in his true form because God in his true form is an invisible Spirit (John 4:24).**
  - B. From time to time God has taken on some type of shape or form to make himself visible to mankind.**
  - C. This “unusual” form of God is called a Theophany; some people believe that only the Second Person of the Triune Godhead (God the Son) has done this and call this manifestation of God a Christophany.**
- II. God in Spirit Lives in All Followers of Jesus (v.13-16).**
  - A. God the Holy Spirit comes to live within us the moment we accept Jesus as Savior and Lord (1 Cor. 6:19 and Gal. 3:2).**
  - B. The indwelling Holy Spirit counsels and cares for us.**
    - 1. He assures us (Rom. 8:16).**
    - 2. He teaches us (John 14:26 and 1 Cor. 2:11-14).**
    - 3. He empowers us (Acts 1:8).**
    - 4. He convicts us (John 16:8).**
    - 5. He intercedes for us (Rom. 8:26,27).**
    - 6. He reminds us (John 14:26).**
  - C. Receiving the Holy Spirit is the same as being baptized by or with the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13).**
  - D. The Holy Spirit initiates us into a new life with Christ.**
  - E. The person who is filled with the Spirit:**
    - 1. Is under the influence of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18).**
    - 2. Manifests the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22,23).**
  - F. You enter the Spirit filled life by surrendering your life and will to the Lord and yielding to the guidance and direction of the indwelling Holy Spirit.**
  - G. From time to time we all sin, and when we sin we are not filled with or controlled by the Spirit.**
  - H. Sin takes us out of the Spirit filled life; sincere repentance and confession get us back into the Spirit filled life.**
  - I. If we repent and confess our sin, God forgives us and restores the joy of our salvation.**
- III. Conclusion.**
  - A. The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in the life of every follower of Jesus; he enables us to live a victorious life in this fallen world (see 1 John 4:4).**
  - B. Strive to be filled with the Spirit continuously.**