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**Anointed**

# Recap

Whatever **Christianity** was supposed to be, at its core it is a **supernatural process**

What's so **important** about the Holy Spirit?

# Recap

Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the **Kingdom** of God without being born of **water** and the **Spirit**. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to **spiritual life**." [John 3:5-6](#)

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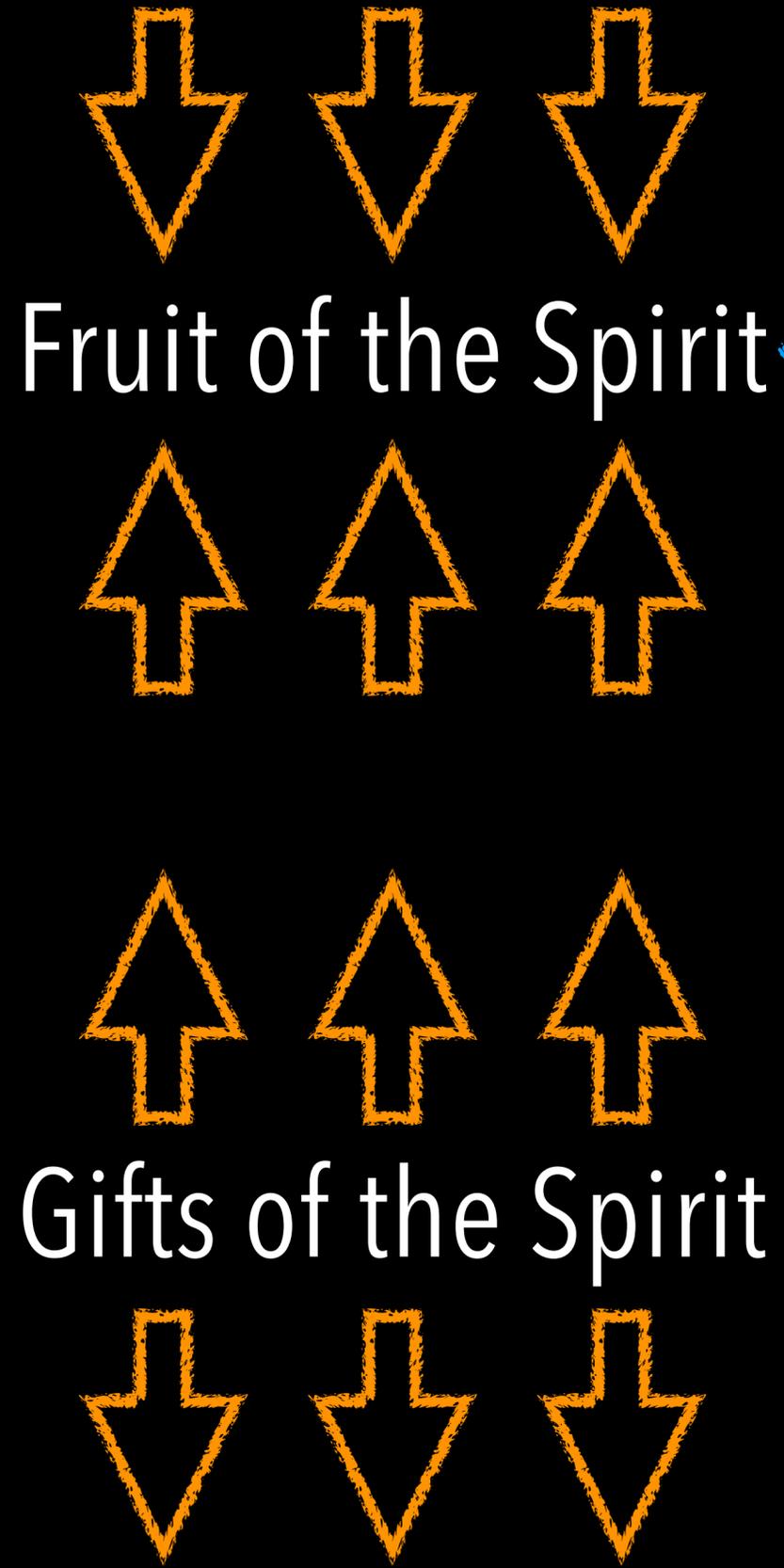
**Ignorance** and **refusal** of the Holy Spirit's **work** can cost you your **soul/salvation**

Much of the conversation on the **fruit** and **gifts** of the Holy Spirit seem to be **optional**. As if they will **appear** (by magic) and that we are not in **control** of the **process** of transformation

# Recap

Internal Change  
(Christ-likeness)

External Working  
(Christ-likeness)



Fruit of the Spirit

Gifts of the Spirit

Transformation  
(Jesus)

# Recap

The most Spirit **filled** people **resemble** Jesus

Nearly **60%** of Americans who regularly attend Christian church say there is **no such thing** as the Holy Spirit—they say the Holy Spirit is just a symbol of God's power or presence or purity. **George Barna**

What does the **unpardonable sin** and being **filled** with the Spirit have in **common**?

# The Unpardonable Sin

Luke 12:10, cf. Matthew 12:32; Mark 3:29

The unpardonable sin has become a type of Christian **boogeyman**

# The Unpardonable Sin

But when the Pharisees heard about the **miracle**, they said,  
"No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his **power**  
**from Satan**, the prince of demons." **Matthew 12:24**

# The Unpardonable Sin

Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, "Any kingdom **divided** by **civil war** is doomed. A town or family **splintered** by **feuding** will fall apart. And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is **divided** and **fighting** against himself. His own kingdom will not survive." *Vs 25-26*

# The Unpardonable Sin

Anyone who isn't with me **opposes** me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually **working against** me. *Vs 30*

# The Unpardonable Sin

**So I tell you**, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven—except **blasphemy** against the Holy Spirit, which will never be forgiven. Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who **speaks against the Holy Spirit** will never be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come. [Vs 31-32](#)

# Three Part Answer

**Attributing** God's work to Satan Vs 24

**division** in family and Kingdom Vs 25-26

**Opposition** and **fighting** against God Vs 30

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Blaspheming (unpardonable sin) against the Holy Spirit

A tree is identified by its **fruit**. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. [Vs 33](#)

We get obsessed with the unpardonable sin as a 'thing' and pay no attention to an even greater test of the **authenticity** of our faith

Yes, every tree that does not produce good **fruit** will be chopped down and thrown into the **fire**. [Matthew 3:10](#)

Beware of **false** prophets...You can identify them by their **fruit** [7:15-16](#)

So every tree that does not **produce good fruit** is chopped down and thrown into the **fire**. [7:19](#)

A tree is identified by its **fruit**. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad [12:33](#)

I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be **taken away** from you and given to a nation that will produce the **proper fruit**. [21:43](#)

but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no **fruit** is produced. [Mark 4:19](#)

Finally, he said to his gardener, 'I've waited three years, and there hasn't been a single **fig**! **Cut** it down. [Luke 13:7](#)

The harvesters are paid good wages, and the **fruit** they harvest is people brought to eternal life. [John 4:36](#)

Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce **much fruit**...useless branch...

Such branches are gathered into a pile to be **burned** [John 15:5-6](#)

We all have moments, even sustained periods of our lives, when we **defy** God. But there may come a **point** in a person's life when that becomes an **unyielding** defiance against God and he or she refuses to let the **Spirit** speak. At that point, God finally says, "You want to do this on your own? You want me out of your life? Okay." Or to put it another way, the only unpardonable sin is **refusing** to let God pardon you. [JD Greear](#)

thoughtfully, willfully, and self-consciously **rejecting** the work of the Spirit. [D. A. Carson](#)

The two functions of the Holy Spirit is to **convict** the non-disciple and to **transform** the disciple. We can hinder the first and we can halt the second. This is where we **actively resist** the Holy Spirit's **two-fold** work. Apathy, lethargy, fruitlessness are **symptoms** of the ceasing of struggle against our flesh. Attacking brothers and sisters in Christ, complaining about the church, twisting the bible to fit into culture's values are **symptoms** of hindering the Holy Spirit's work as well. The unpardonable sin is not pardonable because those in it think they are either doing good or don't care

"**Hell** begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others... but you are still **distinct** from it. You may even **criticize** it in yourself and wish you could stop it. But there may come a day when you can no longer. Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or even to enjoy it, but just the grumble itself, going on forever like a machine. It is not a question of God "sending us" to hell. In each of us there is something **growing**, which will BE hell unless it is nipped in the bud." [C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce](#)

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.  
Instead, be **filled** with the Holy Spirit, [Ephesians 5:18](#)

Then Peter, **filled** with the Holy Spirit, said to them, [Acts 4:8a](#)

After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they  
were all **filled** with the Holy Spirit...[Acts 4:31](#)

And so, brothers, select seven men who are well  
respected and are **full** of the Spirit and wisdom. [Acts 6:3](#)

But Stephen, **full** of the Holy Spirit... [Acts 7:55](#)  
has sent me so that you might regain your sight  
and be **filled** with the Holy Spirit." [Acts 9:17b](#)

Barnabas was a good man, **full** of the Holy Spirit... [Acts 11:24](#)

Saul, also known as Paul, was **filled** with the Holy  
Spirit, and he looked the sorcerer in the eye. [Acts 13:9](#)

And the believers were **filled** with joy and with the Holy Spirit. [Acts 13:52](#)

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the **new believers** there that they might **receive** the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet **come** on any of them; they had **simply** been **baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus. [Acts 8:14-16](#)

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some **disciples** and asked them, "Did you **receive** the Holy Spirit when you **believed**?" [Acts 19:1-2](#)

In Ephesians 5:18, Paul wrote: "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." In the original Greek, the phrase be filled is a **present-tense verb**. To signify a "one-time filling," Paul would have used the past tense or a future verb tense; instead, he chose the present tense to denote that the filling of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event, but a **continual experience**. Scripture says that we must be continually filled with the Spirit, not just once or twice.

D.L. Moody, was asked why he said he needed to be filled **continually** with the Holy Spirit, he replied, "Because I **leak!**"

Think of being "filled" with the Spirit as you might planting a **garden** (another reason Jesus uses so many farming metaphors). Once you plant the seed, you water it. But do you think that that seed needs more water in the **future**?

It has been said that the Christian life is not hard, it's **impossible**. For many, defeat and discouragement characterize their Christian life. And while it's true that the Christian life is impossible to live out of your own strength, God does not want defeat and discouragement to characterize the believer's life. Because of that, God has provided His **Spirit**. He has commanded believers to live the Christian life by **being filled** with the Spirit. [CRU](#)

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross **daily**, and follow me. [Luke 9:23](#)

Unless you take up your cross daily (daily **surrender**) to Christ, you can not be "filled" by the Holy Spirit

Being “filled” with the Holy Spirit has become this **intangible** ‘thing’ that happens outside of our understanding. A biblical understanding of being filled has two steps. These steps simply create an **awareness** of what the Holy Spirit wants to accomplish **in** you, **through** you and **despite** you.

**Step 1:** Seek God's **forgiveness** everyday (morning or evening)

**Step 2:** Ask, invite, give **permission** to the Holy Spirit to be present throughout your day.

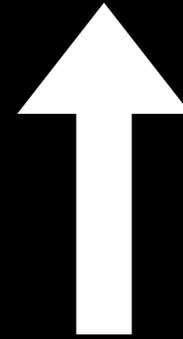
"Holy Spirit give me **eyes** to see you, recognize the moments you are guiding, give me **ears** to hear your voice and promptings. Open my **mind** to know you and understand God's word in my daily life. Give me a **heart** to understand Your will and ways"

Being filled with the Holy Spirit might be better understood as **emptying** ourselves, our agendas, our schedules, our control and responding to the Holy Spirit's **prompting** in whatever form it takes

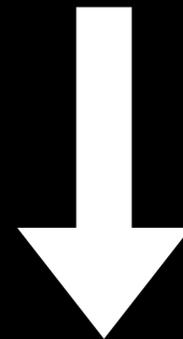
The greatest distance/  
disconnect in  
a Christian's  
life is between  
the head and  
the heart

**Father**

Head



True Revelation **Holy Spirit**



Heart



**Son**

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**Spiritless** Christianity **leads** to the **unpardonable** sin

Apathy,  
lethargy,  
non-growth

fruitlessness

Then Jesus, **full** of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was **led** by the Spirit in the wilderness [Luke 4:1](#)

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, **filled** with the Holy Spirit's power. [Vs 14a](#)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has **anointed** me [Vs 18a](#)

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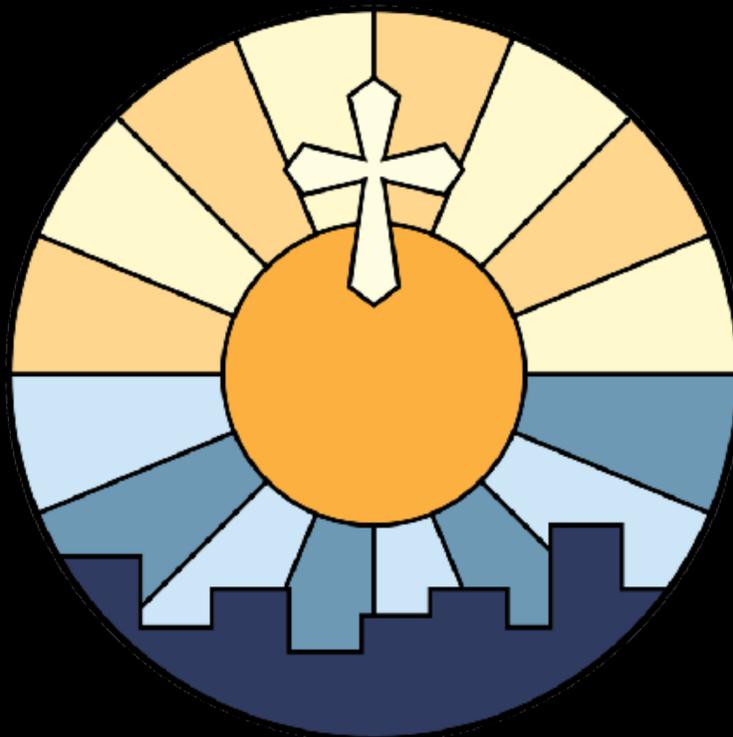
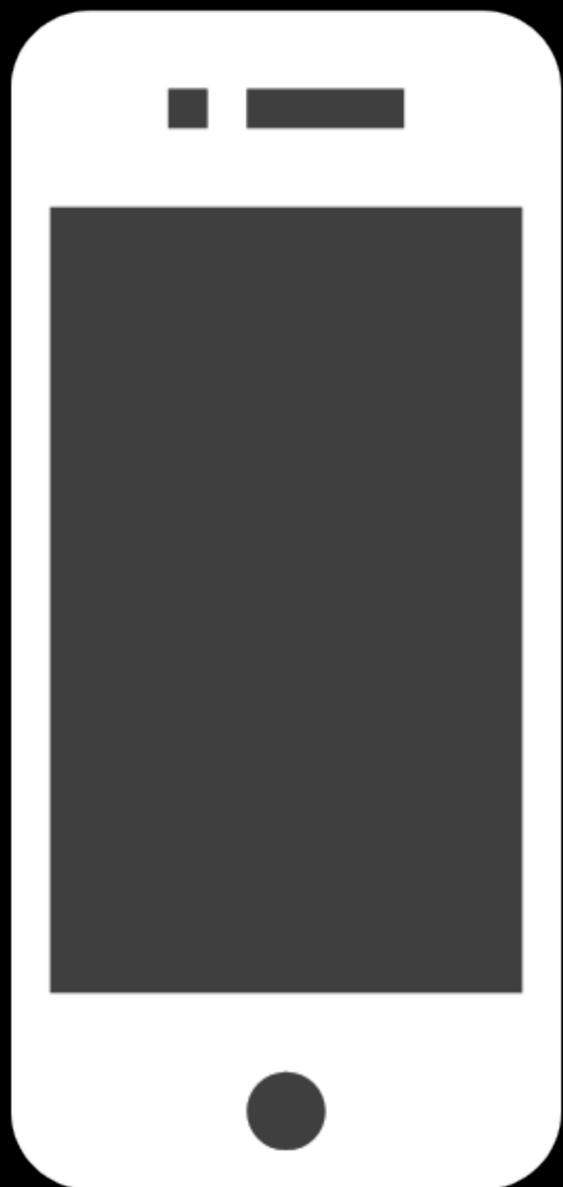
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