



Filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts: The Sequel
Week #4

Key Truth

The background of the slide is a grayscale photograph of a church building. The top portion shows the dark, pointed roof of a steeple against a light sky. The bottom portion shows a white wall with a circular clock face and dark window frames.

“Christians cannot get more
of the Holy Spirit,
but He can control
more of us.”



**What does it mean to be
filled with the Holy Spirit?**

**Be filled means to be
under the control of**



What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Be filled is *a command*
not a promise



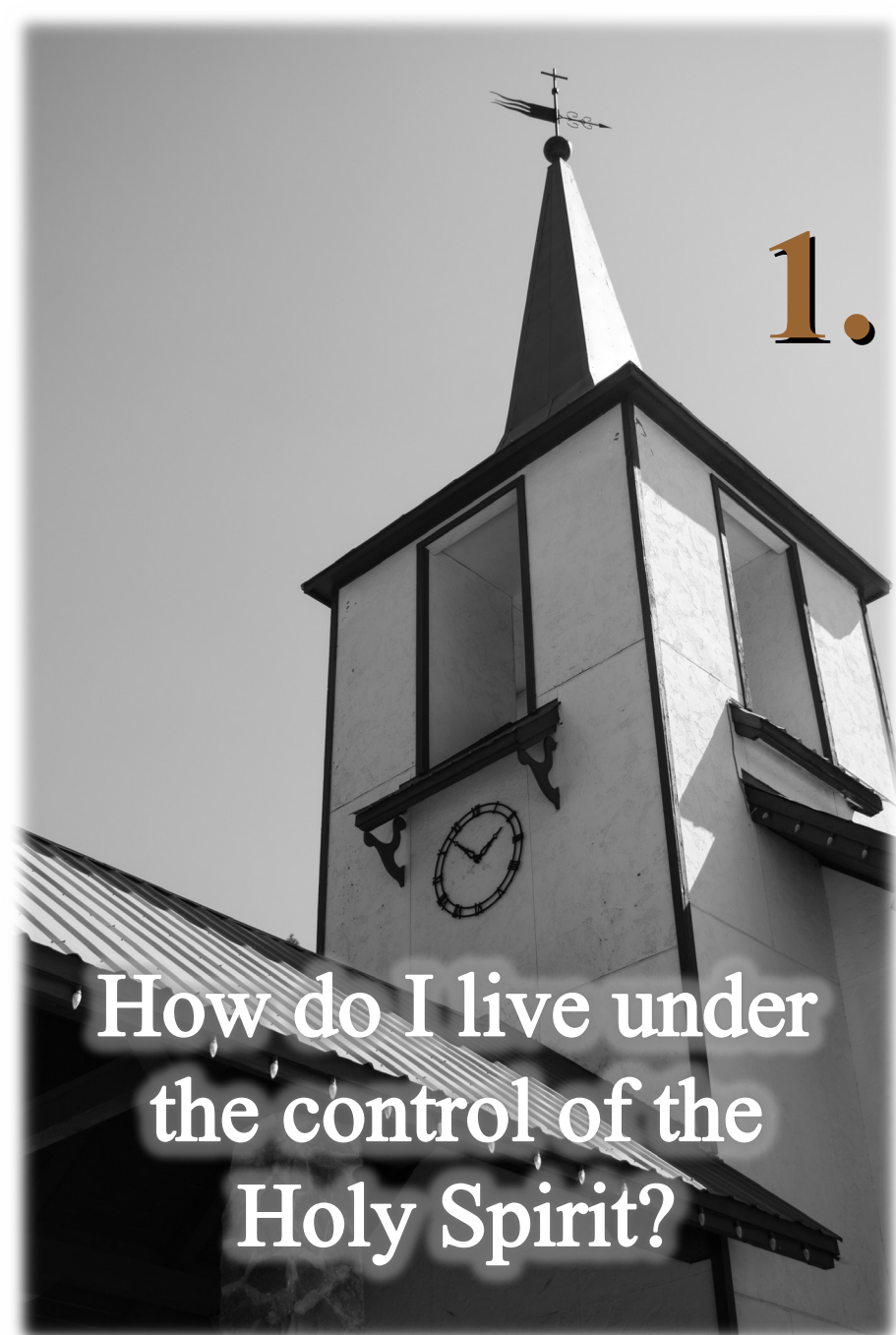
**What does it mean to be
filled with the Holy Spirit?**

Be filled is *a choice*



What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Be filled is a choice
that must be
constantly renewed

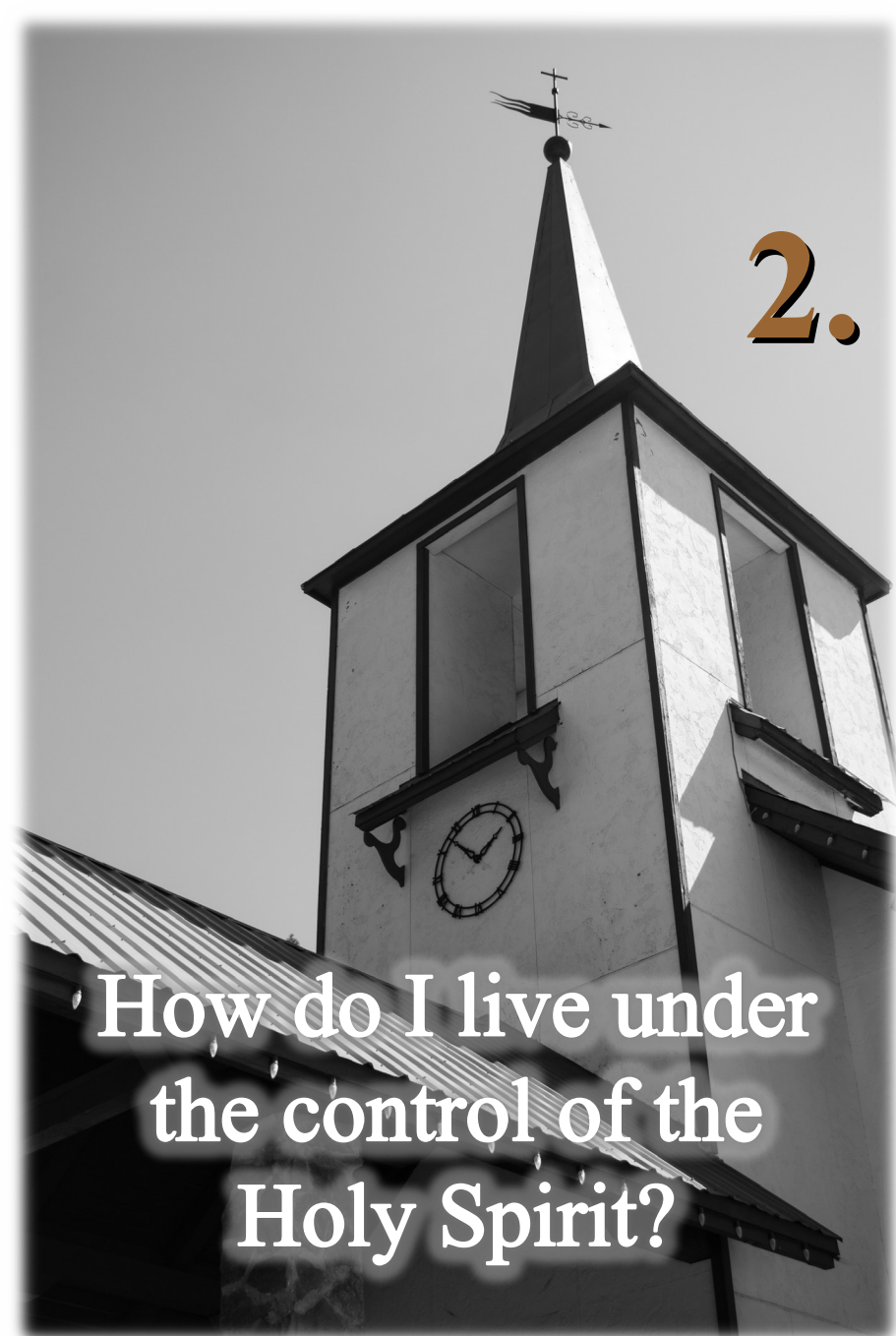


1. Desire to be filled.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

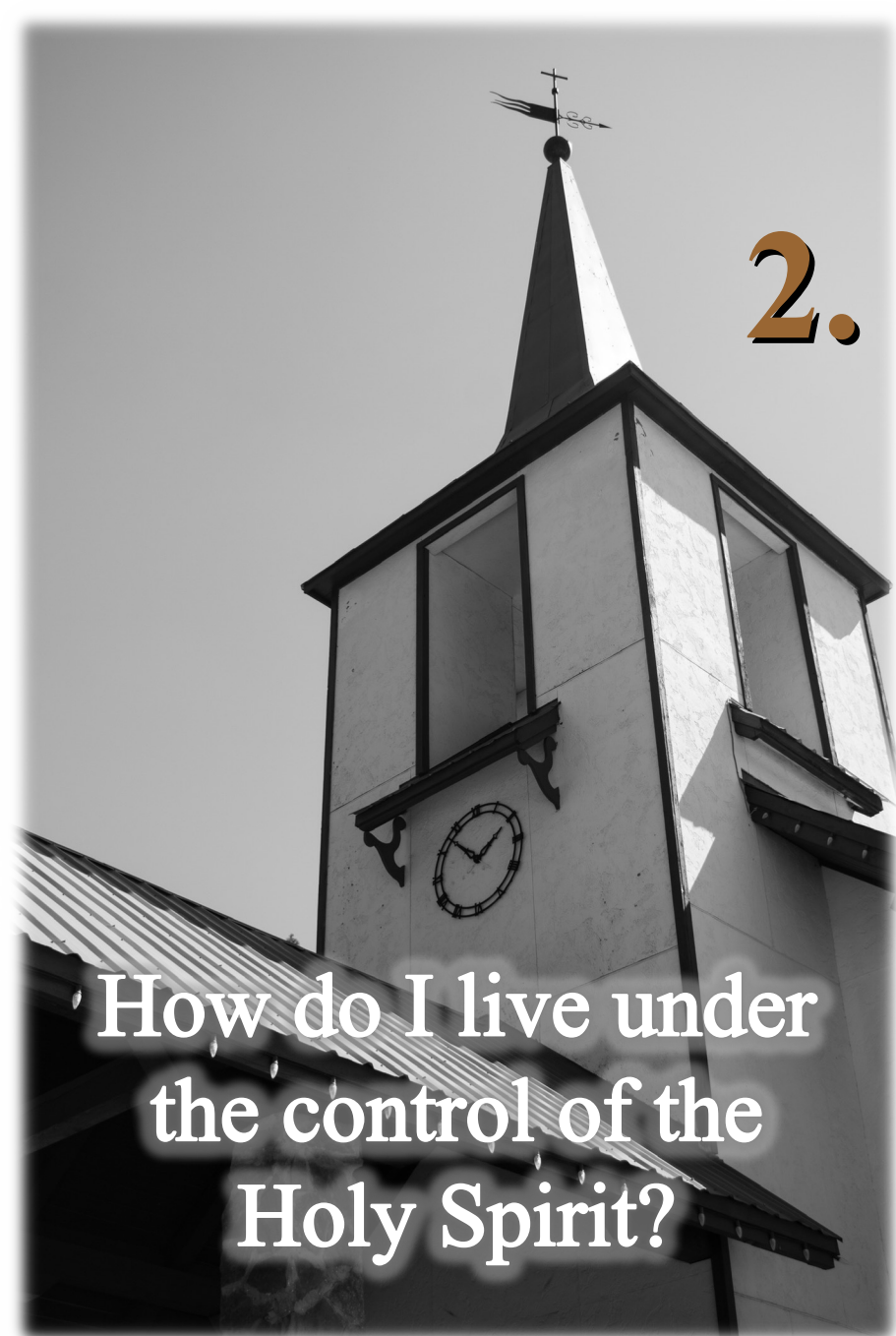
Matthew 5:6

How do I live under
the control of the
Holy Spirit?



2. Deal with my sin.

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2.

Deal with my sin.

YBH?

How do I live under
the control of the
Holy Spirit?

Be...

...real about
the impact
of my sin

Deal with
my Sin



Be Real About Sin

“³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and
slander, along with every form of malice.
³²Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:30-32

Be...

...honest with
God about
my sin

Deal with
my Sin



Be Honest with God

“⁸If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹But if we confess our sins, He will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right.

He will cleanse us from all the wrongs we have done.”

Be...

...committed
to making
changes

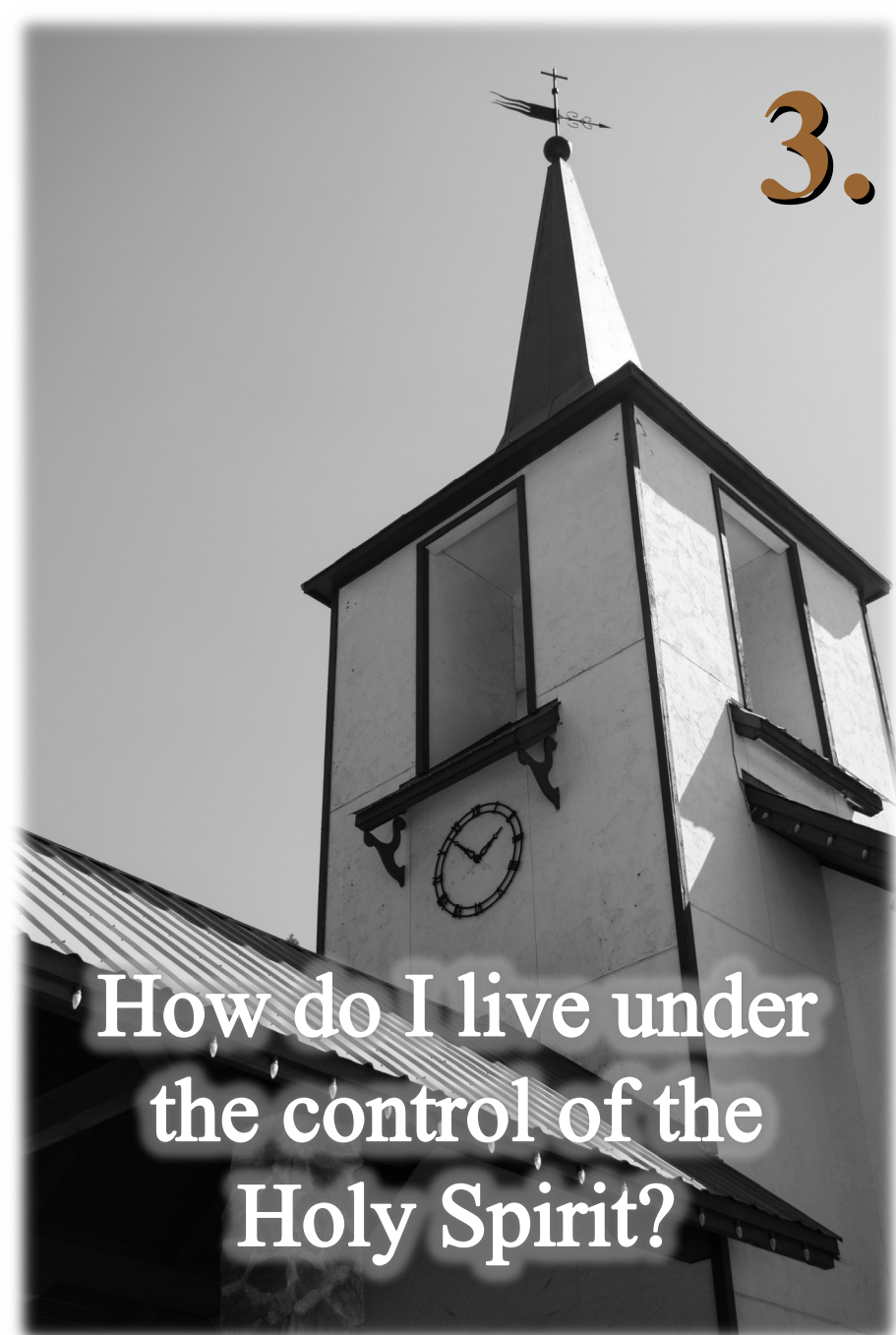
Deal with
my Sin



Be Committed to Change

“Those who conceal their sins
do not prosper,
but those who confess and renounce them
find mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13



3.

Dedicate yourself
to God.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, **to offer** your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God”

How do I live under
the control of the
Holy Spirit?

Romans 12:1



Presenting my body
involves...

...sacrifice

YBH?



Presenting my body
involves...

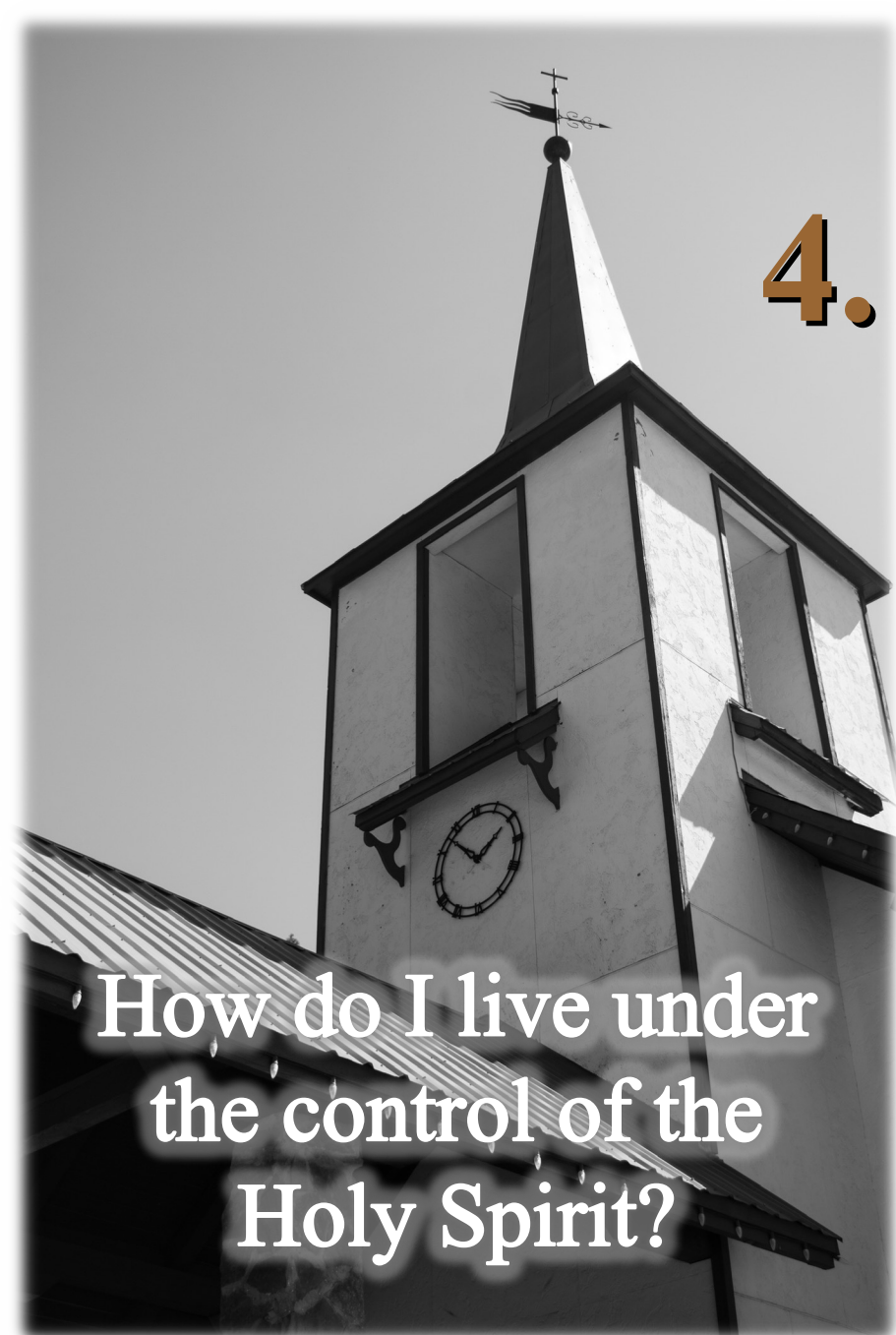
...more than
one decision

YBH?

Dedicate Myself to God

“³⁴...If any of you wants to be my follower,’ he told them, ‘you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me. ³⁵If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life. ³⁶And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process?
³⁷Is anything worth more than your soul?’”

Mark 8:34-37 (NLT)



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the control of the
Holy Spirit?

4. Drink deeply of God and His Word.

“....Yes, drink deeply of
your love!”

Song of Solomon 5:1

Two Drinks

- **at Salvation**



Two Drinks

- **at Salvation**
- **with God's Word**



Challenge

“It may interest you know that the concept of the Spirit’s filling is found only in Luke, Acts and Ephesians, and that every time anybody is said to filled with the Spirit, God is powerfully at work in their lives to accomplish something extraordinary. The result of the Spirit-filled life is always power to serve.”

Dr. Richard Strauss