

## Life in the Spirit: An All–Consuming Life

Have you ever been asked at a fast food store if you would like to “Upsize” your order?

Have you been asked when checking out at a retail store if you would like to “Add On” the extended warranty or perhaps even “Add” a 2nd item at half off?

These experiences in our life of “Adding On” to those items we seek are common, yet hazardous!!!

They are dangerous because they can cause us to consider our life of faith as merely something we “Add To” everything else we are already doing.

### 1. Life in the Spirit Defeats Legalism (1-4)

1. Legalism never works
  1. Galatians 2:15–16
  2. Romans 7:8–11
2. We can never earn the relationship with God, that God desires for us to experience
3. In Jesus of Nazareth, God has shredded the many veils of separation

### 2. Life in the Spirit Commands our Thoughts (5-8)

1. What do you spend the most time thinking about? (**Ask for participant readers**)
  1. Colossians 3:2–4, 12–17
  2. Philippians 4:8–9
  3. Ephesians 4:17–24
2. A mind set on the Spirit exhibits life and peace.

3. A mind set on the Spirit has peace with God, submits to God and is pleasing to God.

### **3. Life in the Spirit Vivifies our Entire Existence (9-11)**

1. The Spirit gives us life only when he dwells in us

1. Romans 6:10

2. The Spirit gives us life because Christ is risen

3. The Spirit takes what is dead and infuses it with life, little by little

1. Colossians 1:21–23

2. Colossians 2:13–14

**God's Holy Spirit does not allow us to live a life of faith where we keep God in a compartment or drawer and pull him out on Sunday. He demands our all!**

**What is necessary for your life to be fully yielded to God's Spirit?**

**What results when Jesus remains an "Add On" in your life?**