

- I. We *can't*, naturally, *submit* ourselves
- Rom 7:14-17
- A. The *sin* in us wants to *rule*, not *submit*
- Gen 3:16; 4:6-7
- B. We *can't*, in our *flesh*, *submit* to *God*
- Rom 8:7-8
- II. It takes *Another* in our *lives* for us to *submit*
- Rom 7:25b-8:9;
Eph 5:8-18
- A. For us to *submit*, the *Spirit* must *fill* us (*dwell* in us)
- Luke 1:41, 67; Acts 2:4;
Acts 4:8, 31; 13:9, 52;
John 15:26; 16:12-14
- B. We *submit* first to *Christ*
- Eph 5:22; 6:1, 5-7;
I Pet 1:2
- III. *Submitted* to *Christ*, we *submit* ourselves to *others*
- A. *Joyfully*
- Eph 5:18-20;
Acts 13:52; Gal 5:22-23;
Matt 10:39
- B. *Wisely*
- Eph 5:15-17;
I Cor 15:51-52;
I Thess 4:16-18

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