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In the divine plan there is as definite a purpose in the gift of the Spirit as in the gift of the Son. Through the Son the sinner has life; through the Spirit the believer has life more abundant. Through the Son the sinner leaves the sphere of the natural and enters the sphere of the spiritual; through the Spirit the believer is lifted to the highest heights of life on the spiritual plane. It is God's purpose that every Christian should live a life of deep, growing spirituality. The Holy Spirit lives within us to accomplish this in three ways. He reveals through the Word the fullness to be had in the glorified Christ; He creates in our hearts a desire for this fullness; then He acts as the channel for its transmission from Him to us.

Romans 7 is the picture of the carnal Christian; Romans 8 of the spiritual. In ten verses in Romans 7 "I" is used twenty-five times and the Holy Spirit is not mentioned once. In Romans 8 "I" is used only twice, where it is needed, and the Holy Spirit is mentioned sixteen times, thus we are compelled to believe that fullness of life in Christ means some advance in our relationship to the Holy Spirit and we are constrained to ask God what it is.

In one terse command God shows us the highest point the believer can reach in relationship to the Holy Spirit.