I. FIRST, WE SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A. This is Paul's challenge in 12:1.

B. Since Paul says we should learn more about the Holy Spirit what is there about him we should learn?

1. First, we should learn who the Holy Spirit is.

   a. The Holy Spirit is a “person” not a thing or power.

      i. He's referred to as a person—John 16:13.


      iii. He has emotions like a person—Eph. 4:30.

      iv. He has a mind like a person—Romans 8:27.

   b. The Holy Spirit is also God—Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:13

2. Second, we should learn what the Holy Spirit does.

   a. He creates—Gen. 1:2.

   b. He authors Scripture—2 Peter 1:20-21.


   d. He convicts us of our sin—John 16:8.

   e. He saves us—Titus 3:5.

   f. He lives in us--1 Cor. 6:19.

   g. He empowers us for Christian living--1 John 4:4; Acts 1:8.

   h. He seals us until the day of our complete redemption—Eph. 4:30.
II. SECOND, WE SHOULD BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A. This is Paul’s challenge to us--12:13; Gal 5:16.

B. The obvious question now is how?

1. The answer is to ask God--Matt. 7:7.

2. We receive the filling of the Spirit just like we receive salvation, we ask God for it.

3. Although we are only saved once we should be filled with the Holy Spirit often—Eph. 5:18.

III. THIRD, WE SHOULD DISCOVER OUR SPIRITUAL GIFT AND USE IT.

A. Have you discovered your spiritual gift?

1. Paul says every Christian has at least one or more--1 Cor. 12:7.

   a. What is a gift? It’s a God-given ability to be used for Him.

   a. When do we receive it? --1 Tim. 4:14.

2. Why are we given gifts?

   a. To serve in the church.

   b. To glorify God.

3. How many gifts are there?

B. How can we discover our gift?

1. Ask God to reveal it.

2. Ask a trusted friend what they think your gift is.