

Notes: Pastor Brian Minnich 11/6/20

Be Filled with the Spirit

What does the Bible Say?

1. God – the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, exists as three persons in one. (Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29; Luke 3:22; John 14:26; Matt 28:19-20; Gal 4:6; 2 Cor. 13:14)
2. The Spirit in the Old Testament largely is described by coming “on” people. (Judges 6:34, 11:29, 14:6; 1 Sam 10:10, 16:3)
3. The Spirit in the New Testament largely is described as coming “in” people or “filling” people. (John 4:14, 7:37-39; Acts 1:5, 2:4, 4:8; Eph 5:18).
4. The Holy Spirit arrives in the New Testament in accordance with Old Testament prophecy as coming “on” and coming “in” Christians on the Day of Pentecost (Jer. 2:13; Isaiah 12:3, 41:17-18, 58:11; Joel 2:28-32; Ezek. 11:19, 36:26; Luke 3:15-17, 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 1:8, 2:1-41; Rev 7:16-17)
5. The Holy Spirit is the agent of our new birth, which is based on belief in the work of Jesus and confession of Jesus as Lord (John 3:3-8; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 12:3)
6. The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit and provides assurance of salvation (1 John 3:24; Eph 1:13)
7. The Holy Spirit provides: Help, Truth, Remembrance of Jesus’ words, Comfort, Guidance, Teaching, Anointing, Knowledge of the Future, and conviction concerning sin, righteousness & judgment, as well as the fruits of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self-Control; as well as a variety of Gifts (John 14:15-16:15; Gal. 5:22-24; 1 Cor. Chapter 12; 1 John 2:26-27)
8. Jesus Baptizes in the Spirit and in Fire, which provides power to be a witness for Jesus, and is evidenced by speaking in tongues, and boldness. (Mark 1:8; Matt 3:11; Luke 3:15-18; John 1:33; Acts 2:1-13, 8:14-24, 9:17-22, 10:44-48; 1 Cor. 14:18)
9. We are transformed by the Spirit, to look more like Jesus, as we worship Jesus (2 Cor. 3:16-18)
10. We are commanded to be Filled with the Spirit. (Eph. 5:15-20)
11. We are instructed by Jesus to persistently ask, seek and knock, and to specifically as the heavenly Father to give you the Holy Spirit. (Luke 11:1-13)
12. Those who are humble and see themselves in need in their spirit, are called blessed by Jesus and received satisfaction (Matt 5:1-8)

What are we to Do? Be Filled with the Spirit

^{ESV} **Ephesians 5:15** Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Context of being filled is as follows:

- a. Making the best use of time
- b. Seeking the Lord's Will
- c. Rather than filling ourselves to drunkenness with wine or other substances (stimulants/depressants), which produce "recklessness," we are commanded to be filled with the Spirit, which will produce Joy & Self-Control
- d. In the immediate context of Giving Thanks, Worshipping the Lord, and singing **out loud**, that others can hear you praising Jesus from your heart, and be encouraged as well.

"Be Filled" is an: Imperative, Present, Passive, Plural Verb.

- Command (imperative) - this is what it sounds like. Do it. Present yourself. Ask God to be Filled!
- Present – this is the opposite of past tense and future tense, we need the Spirit NOW, in the present tense.
- Passive – We can only receive. We must take a posture of asking, seeking, knocking, and with humility, surrender and openness. Come....I need you. I want you...I am yours...
- Plural – this is for all

How do we receive? How are we to be filled?

- 1) Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit would not command us to Be Filled, unless we could be emptied. So, recognize that we are "poor in spirit" and need filling. *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:3)*
- 2) And Ask...ask according to the Will of God, which is taught by Jesus

^{ESV} **Luke 11:1** Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.³ Give us each day our daily bread,⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves,⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything

because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence (*PERSISTENCE translation mine*) he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- Recognize that we are poor in spirit and need filling (Matthew 5:3)
- Jesus teaches us to persistently ask and then we receive.
- Jesus teaches us to persistently seek and then we find.
- Jesus teaches us to persistently knock and door will be opened (all imperatives, all active verbs)
- Jesus teaches us that the Father is so good, and He knows HOW to give us the Holy Spirit when we ask, so ask. How often? PERSISTENTLY, and ACTIVELY / REPEATEDLY.
- Come to Jesus. Ask to be filled in Jesus name (John 14:14, 14:25; Phil 2:9-11; Mark 1:8)
- As we are filled, we can expect any of the following...and we can ask specifically for the following.
 - Experience the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5)
 - Experience the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12)
 - Be Baptized in the Spirit with speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4)
 - Experience a vision, a dream, or have a word of prophecy/exhortation for someone/some people...or we may have understanding concerning a life-issue or insight into our own future. (Acts 2:17-21 / Joel 2:28-32; John 14:25-30, 16:13-14)
 - Experience the presence of the Lord, including peace, comfort and help (John 14:16-17, 16:33)
 - Experience a stronger corporate worship as we sing with gusto to one another and with one another; a song / melody in our heart to the Lord; Giving thanks to God for everything (a heart of gratitude); mutual submission to one another in Christ...a preference for one another. (Eph 5:19-21)

Story of D.L. Moody (a New Englander)

Testimony from Living Word Charlton

Singing & Seeking

Closing Encouragement on waiting, praying and seeking correctly.