

The Filling of the Holy Spirit

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Some thoughts as we leave...

- There is more! One day longer than a lifetime...
- Own your own stuff. Walk in the light. No pretending.
- Dive deep. Go where you have never gone before.
- Onion layers. Let Holy Spirit set your curriculum.
- Don't go it alone. Walk with others.
- Pursue the face and presence of Jesus.

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.
He guides me along right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of
my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
(Psalm 23)*

The Filling of the Holy Spirit

- Jesus wants to fill us with his Spirit, not merely so we can feel better, but to empower us for his mission.
- People of Israel
 - Freedom from slavery / Red Sea = salvation
 - Conquering the promised land = sanctification
 - Establishment of the Temple = Filling of Holy Spirit
 - Witness to the Nations

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Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness... "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

"Satan has opposed the doctrines of the Spirit-filled life about as bitterly as any other doctrine there is. He has confused it, opposed it, surrounded it with false notions and fears. He has blocked every effort of the Church of Christ to receive from the Father her divine and blood-bought inheritance. The Church has tragically neglected this great liberating truth- that there is now for the child of God a full and wonderful and completely satisfying anointing with the Holy Spirit."

A.W. Tozer, *How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit*

Intimacy is the Ball-game

Mark 3:13-14

Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father."

John 14: 12

The "Sent-ness of Jesus"

*"Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
..And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

John 20:21-22

*"You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased."*

-Luke 3:22 - Jesus baptized by Holy Spirit
-John 3:24 - "God gives the Spirit without limit."

*When the Spirit comes...
...there is More!*

- A filling(s) subsequent to salvation
- Galatians 5:18 *"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit"*
- Acts 19 - Ephesian believers had't received the Spirit
- Could the church be significantly missing out on what is hers in Christ?

"Neither in the Old Testament nor in the New, nor in Christian teaching as found in the writing of the saints as far as my knowledge goes, was any believer ever filled with the Holy Spirit who did not know he had been filled.

Neither was anyone filled who did not know when he was filled. And no one was ever filled gradually. The man who does not know when he was filled was never filled (though of course it is possible to forget the date). And the man who hopes to be filled gradually will never be filled at all."

A. W. Tozer, Keys to the Deeper Life

*When the Spirit comes...
...there is Freedom*

- 2 Cor. 3:17-18 - freedom towards transformation - holiness
- Freedom from... / Freedom to...

*When the Spirit comes...
...assurance of Identity*

- Romans 8:14-17 - children of God
- Luke 3 - baptism of Jesus: identity, affection, affirmation
- Love of the Father that casts out all fear
- Restoring broken identities *"What a quiet and peaceful mind I have. Such overflowing joy and love in my heart not constantly being interrupted with condemning thoughts and voices. I had no idea how loud that was. It no longer exists!"*

*When the Spirit comes...
... Empowerment & Boldness*

- Acts 1:4-5, 8 *"Wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."*

- Increased capacity taking risk in mission
- Peter in denial to Peter of boldness
- Acts 6:8 - Stephen full of power to perform wonders & signs - Andrew NWO

*When the Spirit comes...
...so does the Prophetic*

- Joel 2 / Act 2 - "they will prophecy"
- Dreams, visions - both men and women
- 1 Cor 2:10-16 - Holy Spirit teaches us = mind of Christ
- Story of Julie's healing
- 1 Cor 14:3 - to strengthen, encourage, comfort

*When the Spirit comes...
...supernatural phenomenon*

- Spiritual gifts - Rom 12, 1 Cor 12, Eph 4
- Tongues - Acts 2:4,10:46,19:6;1 Cor 12
- Healing - Act 3
- Emotional healing - re-written narratives, memories
- Other phenomenon: shaking, falling, laughing

A sober church never does any good.

Leonard Ravenhill - *Why Revival Tarries*

The Exchanged Life

*"I have been crucified with Christ
and I no longer live, but Christ lives
in me. The life I now live in the body,
I live by faith in the Son of God, who
loved me and gave himself for me."*

Galatians 2:20

*I believe many a man is praying to God
to fill him when he is already full with
something else. Before we pray that
God would fill us, I believe we ought to
pray Him to empty us. There must be an
emptying before there can be a filling.*

D.L. Moody

How Can I Receive the Spirit?

Believe you can be filled - Luke 3:16, Eph. 5:18

2. Ask to be filled - Luke 11:11-13

3. Wait for the Spirit to fill - Acts 1:4

4. Repent - Acts 2:38

4. Surrender whole life – Rom. 12:1,2; Rom. 8:5

5. Obey - Acts 5:32

6. Desire the Spirit - John 7:37-39

7. Receive the Spirit - John 20:21-22

6 Pathways

-Focus on Jesus

-Ask for Holy Spirit's power to be released

-Interview person and listen to Spirit

-Follow the lead of the Spirit in prayer

-Check-in with the person - observe

-Remove roadblocks

-Persist until released
