

# WHAT IS THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not an OPTION to consider, but a COMMAND to obey.

*Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead be filled with the Holy Spirit...* Ephesians 5: 18

2. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not the COMING of the Spirit into my life, but the CONTROLLING of the Spirit within my life.

*And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to Him at all.* Romans 8: 9

*And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago.* Ephesians 1: 13b

*Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?* 1 Corinthians 6: 19

*...be filled with the Holy Spirit...* Ephesians 5: 18

How the word "filled" (pleroo) is used in the New Testament:

\*EMPOWERMENT

\*PERMEATION

\*CONTROL

3. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not GETTING charismatic gifts, but GROWING in Christlike character.

*I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.* Ephesians 3: 16-17

*And the Lord--who is the Spirit--makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.* 2 Corinthians 3: 18b

*Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in Me, & I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing.*

John 15: 5

**4. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not an EXPERIENCE to be sought, but a RELATIONSHIP to be maintained.**

*Do not bring sorrow to the Holy Spirit by the way you live. Ephesians 4:30*

*Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5: 19*

*...let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galations 5:25*

**5. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not an EMOTION to thrill the saved, but an EMPOWERMENT to reach the lost.**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere... Acts 1: 8*

## **HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**1. Surrender to Jesus: where Jesus CONQUERS, the Spirit CONTROLS.**

**2. Maintain a clear conscience by confessing all sin to God: where the blood CLEANSSES, the Spirit FILLS.**

*I always try to maintain a clear conscience before God and all people. Acts 24: 16*

**3. Learn, love, & live God's Word: when God's Word is OBEYED the Spirit EMPOWERS.**

*...be FILLED with the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5: 18*

### **HOW?**

*Let the Message about Christ, in all its richness FILL your lives. Col. 3: 16*

**4. Yield to God in times of adversity: where there is BROKENNESS, the Spirit is RELEASED.**

*Each time He said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. 2 Corinthians 12: 9*

- **Brokenness is the life long process of God using adversity to shatter all self-WILL & self-RELIANCE in order to create absolute submission and reliance on God as a channel through which the Holy Spirit is released in the believer's life to reproduce Christ's character for the benefit of others.**