



## **Be being filled with the Spirit**

Ephesians 5:15-18

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit

### **1. Who is the Holy Spirit**

A. He is the third person of the Trinity

B. He is the Spirit of Christ

C. He is the Spirit of Truth and the He is the Helper

## 2. How do we relate to the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:10-3:3

<sup>10</sup> For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, <sup>13</sup> which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

<sup>14</sup> But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. <sup>16</sup> For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to Carnal men, as to infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, <sup>3</sup> for you are still Carnal. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

- A. We can reject Him: The Natural Person
- B. We can be influenced by Him: The Spiritual Person
- C. We can disobey Him: The Carnal Person

## 3. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit

- A. It means to be controlled, influenced and empowered by the Spirit
- B. It means to be filled with Jesus
- C. It means to be in a right relationship with the Spirit

## D. It means to be experiencing the empowering work of the Spirit

### Ephesians 5:18-20

<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

### Galatians 5:16-18

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

### 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

### Romans 8:13-16

<sup>3</sup> for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

### John 7:37-39

Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

### Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. <sup>7</sup> But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

### Acts 1:8; 4:31

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” ... <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began* to speak the word of God with boldness.

### Galatians 3:1-6

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## 4. How can I be filled with the Spirit

### A. We are filled by faith-Galatians 3:1-6

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B. We are filled by meeting spiritual conditions

C. We are filled by asking

Luke 11:13

<sup>13</sup> If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

D. To be filled with the Spirit you must confess any known sin, yield yourself fully to Christ’s Lordship, ask in faith to be filled with the Spirit and obey the Spirit’s leading in every area of your life

### **Prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit**

Jesus thank you for dying on the cross to forgive my sins and make me right with God. Thank you for rising from the dead and giving me resurrection life. I surrender myself to you and ask you to cleanse me from all sin and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit take control of my life and produce your fruit in me. Empower me to be Christ’s witness and give me victory in every area of my life. Make me more like Jesus and fill me up to the fullness of God. By faith I thank you for hearing and answering this prayer according to your promise and your command. In Jesus name, amen.