



The Doctrine of the Spirit, part 5

The Filling of the Spirit

I. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit

Acts 2:4, 4:8, 4:31, 6:3, 7:55, 9:17, 11:24, Ephesians 5:18

- A. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is to be directed and empowered by the Spirit
- B. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with Christ
- C. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is to be a day by day and moment by moment experience
- D. Being filled with the Holy Spirit progressively transforms us to be like Christ
- E. Every Christian is indwelt by the Spirit but not every Christian is filled with the Spirit
- F. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is based on meeting certain biblical conditions

II. How to be filled with the Holy Spirit

A. 3 kinds of spiritual experience: 1 Cor. 2:10-3:3

B. Prerequisites to being Spirit filled

1. Desire and seek the filling of the Spirit (John 7:37-39)
2. Confess any sin and be cleansed (1 John 1:7-9)
3. Surrender the control of your life to God (Romans 12:1-2)
4. Ask in faith for the Holy Spirit to fill you (Luke 11:13, Galatians 3:1-6)

5. Walk by the Spirit, obeying His leading and direction (Gal. 5:16)

A prayer of faith to be filled with the Spirit

“Father I present myself to you and dedicate myself to obey and serve you. Thank you that you have forgiven me of all my sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. Thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to live inside of me. Based on your Word and in faith, I ask you now to fully take control of my life and fill me with the Holy Spirit. I commit myself to walk by the Spirit in faith and follow you. In Jesus name, amen.”

C. What do I do if after being filled with the Spirit I disobey God and sin?