

4 Filled with the Spirit- Sanctified Entirely

MEMORY VERSE: EPHESIANS 5:18

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After resolving the inner battle for your soul (what one has called an "inner civil war") in favor of the full control of the Spirit, the individual is privileged to be filled with the Spirit. Another way the Bible describes this new and deeper relationship with God is to be sanctified entirely.

1. What did the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah predicts would be Gods new way of dealing with people? (Jeremiah 31:33)

2. What message did Philip preach to the Samaritans? (Acts 8:4 -8 especially verse 5)

What did the apostles in Jerusalem do when they heard Samaria had received the Word of God? (Acts 8:14 -17)

3. What did Paul pray for the Ephesians Christians? (Ephesians 3:16, 19)

4. Christ gave His disciples the awesome task of witnessing and spreading His message. What did He tell them to do to be ready for this task? (Luke 24:48-49)

How did He further what the Farther promised? (Acts 1:4 -5) _____

What would the Spirit do for them? (Acts 1:8) _____

5. What change had the Corinthian Christians seen in their lives (1 Corinthians 6:9-11, especially verse 11)

The phrase "sanctified" used to describe them in verse 11 is often explained as "initial sanctification." What indication is there that the Corinthians still had a serious spiritual problem and needed a deeper and more complete relationship with God? (1 Corinthians 3:1-3)

In 2 Corinthians 7:1, what is Paul urging on the Corinthians to meet their need?

6. What longings have you had for a deeper experience with God? _____

How has God worked in your life to meet that need for you? _____

7. What descriptions of the spiritual life are given of the following New Testament saints?

a. Peter (Acts 4:8) _____

b. Saul (Paul) (Acts 9:17 and 13:9) _____

c. Barnabas (Acts 11:24) _____

d. How would you describe a person "full of the Spirit"? _____

8. Besides "filled with the Spirit" and " sanctified entirely," other phrases are used to describe the fully surrendered, cleansed, and controlled life. What are some of these other expressions?

a. Matthew 5:8 _____

b. 1 John 4:17-18 _____

c. Hebrews 4:9-11 _____

d. Hebrews 6:1 _____

e. Romans 6:18 _____

f. Which of these phrases speaks to you most powerfully and why? _____

9. What are some benefits of being filled with the Spirit?

a. Acts 4:31-32 _____

b. Acts 6:5, 8 and 7:55, 59-60 _____

c. Romans 15:13 _____

10. What is the special work the Holy Spirit does according to?

a. Romans 15:16 _____

b. 1 Peter 1:2 _____

11. In 1 Thessalonians 1:3-8, the Thessalonian Christians are described in glowing Terms.

a. Yet they had needs. What were they? (1Thessalonians 3:10-13) _____

b. What was God's will for them? (1Thessalonians 4:3, 7) _____

c. What did rejection of this instruction mean? (1Thessalonians 4:8) _____

d. So what does Paul pray for them? (1Thessalonians 5:23-24) _____

e. Who does the sanctifying? (1 Thessalonians 5:23) _____

f. How complete is this sanctification? (1 Thessalonians 5:23) _____

g. What does he pray for in addition to sanctification? (1 Thessalonians 5:23) _____

h. What confidence should you have that God will answer the prayer for entire sanctification in your life?
(1 Thessalonians 5:24) _____

12. Read Ephesians 5:15-21.

a. What command is given to Christians? (Ephesians 5:18) _____

b. Why is Spirit fullness contrasted to drinking wine? _____

c. The "be filled" of Ephesians 5:18 is present tense. The idea is "keep filled." What does that mean for your life?

d. Once we are filled with the Spirit, and as we are keeping filled with the Spirit, channels for natural overflow are needed. They are:

(1) Ephesians 5:19 _____

Memory Verse

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18, NIV)

(2) Ephesians 5:20 _____

(3) Ephesians 5:21 _____

13. When Jesus taught His disciples about receiving the Holy Spirit in Luke 11:13, He gave a simple condition. What is it?

14. Oswald Chambers concluded his earthly ministry in 1971 while he was still in his 40s. Yet his book *My Utmost for His Highest* still carries powerful spiritual impact to this day. Chambers had come to know Christ as Savior as a child and for years had known the presence of the Lord. While teaching at Dunoon College, he heard F.B. Meyer speak about the Holy Spirit. Chambers later claimed the gift of the Holy Spirit based on Luke 11:13. He testifies:

I had no vision of heaven or of angels, I had nothing. I was as dry and empty as ever, no power or realization of God, no witness of the Holy Spirit. Then I was asked to speak at a meeting, and forty souls came out to the front. Did I praise God? No, I was terrified and left to the workers, and went to Mr. Macgregor (a friend) and told him what had happened, and he said: "Don't you remember claiming Holy Spirit as a gift on the word of Jesus, and that He said: 'Ye shall receive power....? This is the power from on high." Then like a flash something happened inside me, and I saw that I had been wanting power in my own hand, so to speak, that I might say- Look what I have by putting my all on the altar.

If the four previous years had been hell on earth, these five years have truly been truly heaven on earth. Glory be to God, the last aching abyss of the human heart is filled to overflowing with the love of God. Love is the beginning, love is the middle and love is the end. After He comes in, all you see is "Jesus only, Jesus ever" When you know what God has done for you, the power and the tyranny of sin is gone and the radiant, unspeakable emancipation of the indwelling Christ has come, and when you see people that should be princes and princesses with God bound up by the show of things - oh, you begin to understand what the Apostle meant when he said he wished himself accursed from Christ so that men might be saved!.....

It is no wonder that I talk so much about an altered disposition: God altered mine; I was there when He did it.

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15. What is your response to this testimony? _____

What joy! You may be filled with the Spirit. You may be sanctified entirely. Fullness of joy! *How* to be filled with the spirit is the subject of the next lesson.

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And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit
(Ephesians 5:18, KJV).