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How to Be Filled with the Spirit - How to Be Sanctified Entirely

MEMORY VERSE : 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

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You long to be filled with the Spirit and to be sanctified entirely. Let's discover how.

1. What is the provision of God by which the believer may be sanctified or made holy or clean from sin.

a. Hebrews 10:10 _____

b. Hebrews 10:14 _____

c. Hebrews 13:12 _____

d. Ephesians 5:25-26 _____

2. What pattern of life does Jesus expect from those who follow Him? (John 12:24-25)

How is your life like that pattern? _____

3. Read 1 John 1:7.

a. What cleanses or purifies us? _____

b. From how much sin? _____

c. What is the condition needed for the cleansing? _____

d. What does it mean for you to "walk in the light" or live in the light? _____

4. What group is eligible to receive the Fullness of the Spirit and / or entire sanctification?

a. Acts 5:32 _____

b. John 17:14 and John 17:17 _____

c. 1Thessalonians 1:6 and 5:23-24 _____

d. What would it take in your life for you to be eligible to receive the Spirit's fullness and entire sanctification?

5. Who applies or brings to pass this work of sanctification? (Romans 15:16)

6. What had Jesus commanded the disciples? (Acts 1:4-5)

How concerned were they to be baptized with the Spirit? (Acts 1:12-14)

Earlier, what had Jesus instructed those concerned about praying for the Spirit?(luke 11:13 and 11:9-10)

What evidences of concern did you show before you were filled, or are showing in order to be filled, with the Spirit?

7. Read Romans 6:13. How do you know these people are already Christians?

Yet what are they urged to do?

8. Read Romans 12:1-2. What indicates they were already Christians?

What are they urged to do with their bodies?

What did it mean or what would it mean "to offer your body as [a] living sacrifice..... to God"?

9. When the disciples are filled with the Spirit, how long does it take?

a. Acts 2:4

b. Acts 8:15-17

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

11. What is the common condition by which people receive the Spirit's fullness or are sanctified entirely?

a. Acts 26:18 _____

b. Galatians 3:14 _____

c. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 _____

d. In 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, what is your part? _____

What is God's part? _____

12. For a year after his conversion E. Stanley Jones lived in great joy. Then he found that ugly tempers, moodiness, and deep conflicts began to rise from the cellar of his life. The general tenor of life was victory, but there were these disturbing intrusions.

He testifies:

I was stymied by this inner conflict. And then a door out of the conflict opened through a book. When I took that book out of a Sunday school library, I felt a sense of destiny in reaching for it. A kind of tingle went through me, a tingle of expectancy. There was destiny in taking that book, for it changed my life and helped me solve the crisis I was in. I began to read *The Christian's Secret of a Happy life*, by Hannah Whitall Smith, a Quaker. It told of complete victory for the total person. My heart was kindled with desire as I read it. I wasn't reading it, I was eating it. I got to the forty-second page when God spoke to me: "Now is the time to find." Lord, I don't know what I want. This book is telling me. Let me read the book first and then I can intelligently seek." But the voice was imperious: "Now is the time to find." I tried to read on, but the words were blurred. I saw I was in controversy with God, so I closed the book, dropped on my knees beside my bed, and said: "Now Lord, what shall I do?" And He replied: "Will you give me your all?" And after a moment's hesitation I replied: "Yes, Lord, of course I will give you my all, all I know and all I don't know.

"Then He replied: "Then take my all, take the Holy Spirit." I paused for a moment: my all for his all; my all was myself, his all was himself, the Holy Spirit. I saw as in a flesh the offer. I eagerly replied: "I will take the Holy Spirit." I arose from my knees, with no evidence, save his Word. I walked out on the naked promise of that Word. His character was behind that Word. I could trust him with my all and I could trust him to give me his all. I walked around the room repeating my acceptance. The doubts began to close in on me. I did what Abraham did when the birds came to scatter his sacrifice- he shooed them away. I walked around the room pushing away with my hands menacing doubts. When suddenly I was filled-filled with the Holy Spirit. Wave after wave of the Spirit seemed to be going through me as a cleansing fire. I could only walk the floor with the tears of joy flowing down my cheeks. I could do nothing but praise him-and did. I knew this was no passing emotion; the Holy Spirit had come to abide with me forever.

E. Stanley Jones, *A song of ascents* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1968), 52-53.

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Memory Verse

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it (1Thessalonians 5:23-24, NIV).

What do you think was the most important issue for E. Stanley Jone`s answer from God? _____

13. As you have studied this lesson, you have noticed some commonly recurring themes for those who become sanctified or Spirit-filled. You noticed
- a. *Concern* as shown in Acts 1:12-14 and Luke 11:9-10,13 (question 6).
 - b. *Cleansing* as shown in 1 John 1:7 (question 3)
 - c. *Consecration* as shown in Romans 6:13 (question 7) and Romans 12:1-2 (question 8).
 - d. *Claiming* as shown in Acts 26:18 and Galations 3:14 (question 11).

Now write a prayer of petition dealing with these areas as a request for the Spirit`s filling in your life or a prayer of thanks for the Spirit having filled you.

What has God done for you? _____

Praise God for what He has done!

Once you have been filled with the Spirit in a moment (or sanctified entirely), it is important to continue that relationship. So the Christian is to walk in the Spirit or live in the Spirit. That exiting, ongoing relationship is discussed in the next lesson.

Memory Verse

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, KJV).