

Harvest House Church

Understanding Being Filled in the Holy Spirit

I. Introduction

a. The supernatural aspects of the Kingdom of God

(1 Pet 1:8) (1 Cor 4:20). (1 Cor 2:4-5)

b. The hindrance to the supernatural manifestations in Ministry

(Mark 7:6-8) "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. {7} They worship me in vain; their worship are but rules taught by men {8} You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

II. Why is it important to receive the empowerment of the Spirit?

(Acts 1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

(Joel 2:28-29) 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. {29} Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

III. When does someone receive the Holy Spirit? When they are Born-Again!

(Rom 8:9) You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

IV. What did Jesus say about the empowerment of the Holy Spirit?

- After His resurrection, He imparted the presence of the Spirit, yet instructed the disciples to wait for the promise of the Father (John 20:19-22) (Luke 24:33-49) (Acts 1:4-6)

(John 20:19-22) On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" {20} After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. {21} Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." {22} And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

(Luke 24:49-53) I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." {50} When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. {51} While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. {52} Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. {53} And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

(Acts 1:4-6) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you

have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

V. Did Jesus say that we should ask for the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

(Luke 11:13) If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

VI. Where did we get the term "Baptism of the Spirit"

(Luke 3:16) John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Making the connection

(Acts 1:4-8) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. {5} For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." {6} So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" {7} He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. {8} But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

VII. Scriptural Examples of Being Filled in the HOLY SPIRIT

a. The disciples at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)

(Acts 2:1-4) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. {2} Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. {3} They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. {4} All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

(Acts 2:14-18) Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. {15} These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! {16} No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: {17} "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. {18} Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

b. The Outpouring among the believers in Samaria. (Acts 8:5-25)

(Acts 8:15-17) When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, {16} because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptised into the name of the Lord Jesus. {17} Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 8:18-21) When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money {19} and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

c. The Jewish believers during Peter preaching (Acts 10:44-48)

(Acts 10:44) While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. (45) The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.(46) For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said,(47) "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

(Acts 11:15) "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. (16) Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'(17) So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?"

d. The outpouring of the Spirit in Ephesus (Acts 18:26)(Acts 19:1-7)

(Acts 18:24-26) Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. {25} He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. {26} He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

(Acts 19:1-7) While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples {2} and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." {3} So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. {4} Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." {5} On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. {6} When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

VIII. What are the Manifestations of the Spirit

(1 Cor 12:7-11) Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. {8} To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, {9} to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, {10} to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. {11} All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

An explanation of (1 Cor 13:8-12) The perfection to come in v.9 is speaking of when Jesus returns. This is because of what v.12 states... now we see a poor reflection, then we shall see face to face. (see scripture below)

(1 Cor 13:8-12) "Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. {9} For we know in part and we prophesy in part, {10} but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. {11} When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. {12} Now we see but a

poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

a. Should we be eager to walk in the manifestations of the Spirit?

(2 Tim 1:6-7) For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

(1 Tim 4:14-15) Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. {15} Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them,

(1 Cor 14:12) So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

(1 Cor 14:39) Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

(1 Cor 12:7) Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

b. Is it scriptural to be filled in the Spirit

(Eph 5:18-20) Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

(Acts 9:17) Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

(Acts 13:9) Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said,

(Acts 13:52) And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.