

The Power of the Holy Spirit



Part 5

So Far ...

Week 1: The Power of the Holy Spirit

(Example of Peter from Acts 3-5)

Week 2: Who is the Holy Spirit?

What is the Holy Spirit's Role?

Week 3: What would life look like if we were filled with the Holy Spirit?

(Are we capable of anything without the Spirit?)

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Coming Up ...

Next Week:

Is a second baptism of the Holy Spirit necessary?

The rest of your questions...

Then:

Worship and Communion Night

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Review ...

If I don't see the power of the Spirit evident in my life, does that mean that the Spirit no longer lives in me?

Review ...

1. **The Spirit resides in every believer.**
(John 14, Romans 8, Ephesians 1)
2. **The Spirit is God. God does what God wills, and His action is not conditional on us.**
3. **And yet, we observe that much of the “fruit” produced in the church, and also in our own individual lives, appears to be the result of our own natural abilities.**

Review ...

4. **Everything comes from God, including our natural abilities, so we should not disregard these gifts, but use them to His glory.**
5. **Still, having God live within us should produce something more evident than a people relying mostly on their own ability.**
6. **If the Spirit resides in every believer, does the Spirit equally empower each believer?
If not, why not?**



The Holy Spirit

*What does it mean to
grieve (Eph 4:30) or quench (1 Thes. 5:20)
the Holy Spirit?*

Sins that interrupt the intimacy we have with the Lord – and especially those which harm the unity of the body (community) of believers – can affect the level of the Spirit's empowerment in our life.



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Not every believer desires to be filled with the Spirit. Not every one of us wants to give up control over our own lives. We want a little of God, but to otherwise more or less do as we please. Every believer is as full of the Spirit as they want to be.

The Holy Spirit expects obedience, and not self-sins: self-love, self-confidence, self-righteousness and self-indulgence.

If there is anything bigger in your life than your desire to be a Spirit-filled Christian, then you will never be a Spirit-filled Christian until that is cured. Never. There must be an emptying and detachment from the interests of life.

I have never heard of anybody who had ever been filled with the Holy Spirit who did not know it.

Nobody who was ever filled was filled gradually. That is where we hide, this "filling gradually" stuff. "I'm a little further today than I was yesterday." Chance are you are not. In the Scriptures, it says the Holy Spirit fell on them, it was an instantaneous act, never gradual.



The Holy Spirit

How Can I Be Filled with the Spirit?

Know and Be Known: There are no formulas for an intimate relationship with the Spirit. The power of the Spirit is most manifest in those who know God with their heart, mind, soul and strength, and who also appreciate that they too are known by God.

Follow Christ: The more you are about Christ, the more intimate you will be with the Spirit. The Spirit testifies to Christ, convinces the world of our need for Christ, leads us into all truth about Christ, and glorifies Christ.

Soak in the Word: The Spirit inspired the words of Scripture. The Spirit continues to illuminate it to the believer today. We cannot be intimate with the Spirit apart from His word.

Grow in Righteousness: To know the Spirit with increasing intimacy, we need to grow in righteousness. As a believer, you already have Christ's imputed righteousness (right standing) with God. We must also live in right action in obedience to Christ.



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But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in [the Spirit.] Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

-1 Corinthians 6:17-20

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

-Romans 12:1-2



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Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Ephesians 5:15-20

Here, the evidence you are filled with the Spirit:

- Speaking to one another from the Spirit (and teachable)
- Melodious
- Thankful
- Humble



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“Whoever said you could be a Christian without being a disciple? You cannot be a Christian without being a disciple. The idea that I can come to the Lord by grace, and have all my sins forgiven, and have my name written in heaven, have the carpenter go to work on a mansion in my Father’s house and at the same time I can raise hell on my way to heaven. I say it is impossible. It is unscriptural, it is not found in the Bible at all. You are not saved by your good works, no never are we saved by our good works, but we are not saved apart from good works.

We are saved by faith in Jesus Christ alone, but out of that, springs immediately goodness and righteousness.”

A. W. Tozer



The Holy Spirit

Evidence of the Spirit's Power

- ▶ The fruit of the Spirit is manifest in unnatural ways;
- ▶ You are constantly surrounded by the Spirit's omnipotent protection;
- ▶ You have an inner dynamic that empowers you to handle life's pressures;
- ▶ You are able to be joyful...regardless of your circumstances;
- ▶ You have the capacity to grasp the deep things of God and to gain deep insights from scripture;
- ▶ You have live little difficulty maintaining a positive attitude of unselfishness, servanthood and humility;
- ▶ You have a keen sense of intuition and discernment; you sense evil;
- ▶ You are able to love and be loved in return with a power not your own;
- ▶ You rely on the Spirit to intercede when you don't even know how to pray;
- ▶ You have no reason to fear evil or demonic assaults;



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Evidence of the Spirit's Power

- ▶ You are enabled to stand alone with confidence, even against opposition;
- ▶ You enjoy a clear, shame-free conscience;
- ▶ You can actually live worry-free;
- ▶ You are able to minister to others with your spiritual gift(s);
- ▶ You have an intimate, abiding “Abba relationship” with the living God.



The Holy Spirit

*Do you think that the Spirit
wants His church to live our lives
barely connected to the power
that is available to us?*

Next Week...



Is a second baptism of the Spirit necessary to be filled with the Spirit's power?



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