

STUDY NOTES



“HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST

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SCRIPTURES TO REVIEW: Look up these scriptures and read them in several translations.

Acts 2:1-4 ampc.—And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, **they were all** assembled together in one place, **2** When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. **3** And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated *and* distributed and which settled on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit [a]kept giving them clear *and* loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].

Galatians 3:13— Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified);

Galatians 5:18 Acts 4:8 Luke 24:49 Acts 1:4-5 Acts 1:8 Acts 2:38-39
Acts 2:4 Acts 19:1 Acts 8:14 John 15:26 Acts 10:44-45
Ephesians 5:17-18 (*The Book of Acts deals with the Power of God and the Holy Spirit)

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- Our foundational scripture Acts 2:1-4 tells us that the Holy Spirit is for “The Believer,” not just Pastors, Bishops or special people.
 - It is the will of God to be filled with the evidence of speaking in tongues, because it happened in the book of Acts. The promise of the Holy Spirit is for the “*seed of Abraham.*”
 - Speaking/praying in tongues is NOT the Holy Ghost, but the evidence of Him dwelling on the inside of the Believer. He is a person and the 3rd person of the Trinity. Again, Speaking/praying in tongues is the evidence of Him abiding on the inside of you.
 - John 14:16- The Holy Spirit is the person behind the power. He will show, advise, lead and guide you. He is the person who counsels you. When He comes in to fill you, it is for a reason. He is a helper sent to assist and support you. Understand the value of the Holy Spirit. He is an advocate and intercessor in you to “stand in the gap” interceding for you. Every time you pray, He intercedes for you and others! He is a strengthener who has the power to strengthen and sustain you. He’s a stand-by, always standing by waiting for you to give it (problem, situation, circumstance) to him. Be sensitive to His presence inside you- He is your friend respect Him, commune/spend time with Him, and invite Him into every decision.

- The Holy Spirit is “**The Administrator of The New Covenant.**” (**Galatians 5:18**). An administrator is the person responsible for running something and perform official duties.
- The Holy Spirit takes the place of “The Law” of Old Testament. The Law required you to do to get.
- You don’t just need to be born “of the Spirit,” you need to be filled with the Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Grace. You will no longer live or be controlled by the law. Under the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit becomes your teacher like Jesus was to the disciples when He was with them on earth.

Galatians 5:18 Passion Translation: But when you yield to the life of the Spirit, you will no longer be living under the law, but soaring above it!

HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. **You must understand what it means Biblically to be filled-** Luke 24:49- “And now ***I will send the Holy Spirit[a] upon you, just as my Father promised.*** Don’t begin telling others yet— *stay here in the city until* the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.*” *As a Believer, this is the power that “backs up” what you say according to the word of God. You need to be FILLED WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT so that your words you speak are impregnated with power! In Acts 4:8 ampc. We see that Peter was filled AND controlled by the Holy Spirit! If you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, everything else gets in and you will be controlled by your flesh!*
2. **You must understand that there is a “dual working,” of the Spirit-** there are two different workings of the spirit: A. When you get saved- Acts 1:4-5 and B. When you get filled - Acts 1:8. -ye shall receive Power AFTER the Holy Ghost has come upon you. (Up On). You did not receive this power when you were born again or received salvation. This power comes up on you for service. Galatians 3:27 tells us that we are baptized into Christ upon salvation or born of the Spirit, but the Baptism of the Holy Ghost/Spirit is when you receive power ability, efficiency, and might. The power to get results and affect change comes up on you when you are filled with the Holy Spirit. He gets “the job done.” It is God’s SUPER on your Natural creating the SUPERNATURAL! You must understand this dual working of the Spirit is also the POWER and not just being born again.
3. **You must understand that the Holy Spirit proceedeth from the Father when you believe-** The same Holy Spirit Jesus walked in you also have (John 15:26). So if He proceeds from the Father, we need not tarry for Him anymore because He is already inside every Believer.
4. **You must understand that tarrying is no longer necessary-**After the Day of Pentecost- when the Holy Spirit came upon the Believers, you no longer had to

tarry/wait for Him. Acts 8:14- 8 years after the Pentecost. They sent for Peter and John who prayed they might receive the Holy Spirit and the people were Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in vs. 17 when they laid hands on them they received the Holy Spirit!

Acts 10:44- 10 years after the Day of Pentecost, Peter just spoke the word and the Holy Spirit fell on those that heard. Vs. 45- Jesus- people were astonished because the Holy Spirit fell on the Gentiles and them heard them speak and magnify God with new tongues.

- So as soon as you receive the Word -He wants to fill/refill you. Ask the Lord for New tongues. When you pray in tongues you magnify or enlarge God and make him bigger than everything in life!
- 20 years after the Day of Pentecost- Acts 19:1- The Disciples of Jesus were asked by the Apostle Paul, “have you received the Holy Ghost Ince you believed on Jesus?” When Paul laid hands on them the Holy Spirit came on them and they prophesied. Only because they trusted the Word Paul said, they believed and received.
- **The Gifts of the Spirit** are available when your are filled. If you are not filled, you have not put yourself in the position to operate in the Gifts of the Spirit. You are filled with His Fruit, but not the gifts which operate when people are filled and speak in tongues. That is why the enemy does not want you filled because immediately the Gifts of the Spirit go in operation. This is the value of the Holy Spirit. **The Fruit of The Spirit** or His attribute/characteristics is found in **Galatians 5:22-23**. The Gifts of the Spirit are found in **I Corinthians 12:4-1**, other scriptures also reference these gifts such as **Romans 12:6-8** and **I Corinthians 12:28** to name a few.

5. **You must understand that the Holy Spirit is a Gift that can't be earned-** You must be a believer to receive. The Holy Spirit is a Gift, not based on your works or right living. Acts 2:38- Peter said repent and be baptized, sins wide out and you shall receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Vs. 39- the promise- for all- you and your children. The moment we get people saved, get the filled so that they are not without power.

6. **Open your mouth and begin to speak to receive- utterance-** Acts 2:4- as the Spirit ***gave them utterance***. They believed they received and were filled and opened their mouths and began to speak. (when you are getting filled and refilled, the Spirit is giving you utterance.)

Ephesians 5:17-18- AMPC-therefore do not be vague *and* thoughtless *and* foolish, but understanding *and* firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.

18 And **do not get drunk with wine**, for that is debauchery; **but ever be filled *and* stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit.**

Alcohol is often referred to as “Spirits” because spirits control a person’s behaviors. So here the Scripture is saying don’t get drunk with wine, but rather the HOLY Spirit and be filled with the Holy Spirit and stimulated by Him.

To stimulate is to raise the level of activity in the body- the Holy Spirit will energize, revitalize and cause us to have His behavior or fruit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness etc.