

Holy Ghost filled

Before Jesus ascended back to heaven, He breathed on the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit. John 20:22 *“And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:”* At this point is when they got born again when the Holy Spirit indwelled them. They received the Holy Spirit indwelling but were not filled with the Holy Spirit yet which explains why later in Acts 1:8 He gave them a promise to wait for the Holy Ghost whom the Father was going to send.

1. Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
 - a) Power (Dunamis)—Dynamite.
 - b) Be witnesses—not witness. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit we will be witnesses, not do witnessing
2. Act 2:1-4 *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
 - a) Accord is not a speaking of a Honda. Just kidding. All these people could not have or fit in one Honda accord vehicle.
 - b) “Suddenly” could appear like as if they were not in believing for anything and this happened outside their expectation. They were waiting for the suddenly. Truth be said, things do not just happen suddenly. There are somethings that happen in the background.
 - c) They were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost—120 people.
 - d) They began to speak with new tongues. Notice that it's after they were filled with the Holy Ghost that they began to speak new tongues. When someone is

filled, he will speak in other tongues. Because he is filled to the top, he will spill over speaking in other tongues.

- e) Not tongues they knew but other tongues.
- f) The Holy Spirit did not make them speak, but they spoke of their own volition. He did not open their mouths.

Mark 16:17 *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

- g) Do you believe? Are you a believer? These signs will follow you.
 - i) Casting out devils
 - ii) Speaking in new tongues.

We can't just accept one (Casting out devils) and reject the other because it is too controversial. Many believers are missing out on a promise from the Lord. One is not more important than the other, and to Jesus, we needed both which is why He promised us both. If we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we will be more and better positioned to cast out all devils having received power.

- h) Speaking in new tongues was a promise from the Lord to the believers. It should not be a fought against and this comes as a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

3. Acts 4:29-31 *And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

- a) The infilling of the Holy Ghost is not a one-time activity, but a continuous one. Here these disciples had already been filled with the Holy Spirit at the first instance at the on Pentecostal day.
- b) This shows that there are, and we can have subsequent and multiple other fillings.
- c) Ephesians 5:18 *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*
- d) Notice also that one of the byproducts of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

4. Acts 10:44-48 *While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.*

- a) When people hear the Word and believe, they become candidates for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.
- b) Notice Peter was speaking and did not even give a formal invitation or alter call for these people to be born again or to receive the Holy Ghost. They believed as he spoke, and it was confirmed by them receiving the Holy Spirit.
- c) The Holy Spirit and His indwelling is a gift to all that will believe.
- d) They heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. The Jews heard them speak in tongues. Tongues was the evidence or proof to them that the Gentiles had believed and received the Holy Ghost.
- e) Signs or results of being filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - i) Spoke in tongues (Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-48)
 - ii) Magnified God (Acts 10:44-48)
 - iii) Prophesied (Acts 19:6)
 - iv) Joy (Acts 13:52)
 - v) Speaking the Word with Boldness (Acts 4:29-31)
 - vi) Power and being a witness (Acts 1:8)

5. Acts 13:52 *And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.*

- a) This is not the initial infilling of the Holy Ghost. This was another instance which further demonstrates and proves that we need to be continually filled after the initial infilling or baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- b) Joy is a byproduct of being filled with the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 lists joy as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. If we are low on Joy or lacking in joy, we need a refill. We need to recharge our battery.

6. Acts 19:1-6 *And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We*

have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

- a) This is a question to all disciples of the Lord. How you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?
 - i) Another question can be: Have you had a refill since your initial or first filling?
- b) Some believers or disciples may not have heard of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and we need to tell them about this experience.
- c) Notice that Paul draws a clear distinction between the baptism of the baptism of John, one in the name of the Lord and the other in the holy Ghost.
- d) Notice what happened when they were baptized with the Holy Ghost. They spoke with tongues and prophesied.

7. Eph 5:18 *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

- a) Be filled with the Spirit is a present continuous tense in Greek and indicates an action that is done continuously.
- b) The Greek word translated "Filled" is "PLAYROO" and means "to make replete, i.e., to cram, to level up."
 - i) This is not a one-time thing but a continual thing. Be being filled.
 - ii) Instead of drinking wine, we are advised to drink the Holy Ghost.
 - iii) We should not be getting drunk with wine but instead we should be getting drunk with the Holy Ghost.
 - iv) Being drunk with wine has no benefit whatsoever. It has negative side effects while being filled with the Holy Ghost is beneficial and has only positive effects.
- c) Ephesians 5:19-21 *Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

How do we be filled?

These four verses 18,19,20,21 tell us how we be filled or continue to be filled with the Spirit after the initial filling.

- i) By speaking—speaking in tongues as we can see the context or the previous verse.
- ii) Psalms, Hymns, and spiritual songs
- iii) Giving thanks
- iv) Submission

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