

CORE VALUES

Why What We Believe Defines Who We Are

Without the Empowerment of the Holy Spirit, We Can Accomplish Nothing

I Corinthians 2: 4-5

Introduction: Today we are moving into the home stretch of our study of the Core Values of the Christian & Missionary Alliance. The empowerment of the Holy Spirit and the willingness to take faith filled risks complete the set. From the beginning, the message of the filling and empowering of the Holy Spirit has been a key note of Alliance emphasis.

I. Video Introduction

- A. John Soper tells the story of an early missionary to China
- B. Ron Walborn share his testimony

II. The Biblical Basis of the Crisis Experience

- A. Jesus told His disciples to wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Ac 2:1ff)
- B. Philip evangelizes Samaria (Ac 8:4-8), Peter & John pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the Samaritans (Ac 8:14-17)
- C. Peter explains what happened at Cornelius' house (Ac 11:15-18)
- D. Paul goes to Ephesus and asks an important question (Ac 19:1-7)

III. The Requirements of Being Filled (Romans 6:12-19)

- A. A new birth and identification with Jesus Christ
- B. An awareness of need (see also Romans 7)
- C. A desire to be totally devoted to God and sold out to His purposes (vv.13-14)

IV. Being Filled With the Holy Spirit is God's Will for Our Lives (Eph. 5:15-21)

- A. We are commanded to be filled every moment of our lives
- B. The similarities and distinction of *filling* vs. *baptism* of the Holy Spirit
 1. difficult to distinguish in the Scriptures
 2. baptism seems to emphasize the empowerment for service
 3. filling seems to emphasize the indwelling, consuming holiness of God for triumph over sin and victorious living
- C. We are intended to be a Spirit-filled people manifesting the presence and power of God to all around us

... and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

I Corinthians 2: 4-5
(NASB)

Alliance Bible Church Core Values

- *Celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ through corporate worship in two languages.*
- *Boldly proclaiming the fullness of His Gospel: Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.*
- *Building up one another in love through small group community, prayer, and discipleship.*
- *Serving our community through meaningful acts of loving service.*
- *Obedying the call of the Great Commission through sacrificial support of missions of every kind.*

