

Summary: Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

INTRO: Why should we seek to be filled with the Holy-Spirit and what does it mean? What is the difference in living an ordinary Christian life and living a Spirit-filled life? How does being filled with the Holy Spirit differ from being justified and sanctified?

I. An understanding of key Biblical terms

A. Justification—to be absolved from all sin and found blameless in the sight of God

1. But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (Rom 3:21-26 NAU)
2. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, *not counting their trespasses against them*, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2Co 5:17-21 NAU)

B. (Positional Sanctification)—to be set apart unto God as His and for His use

1. to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those *who have been sanctified by faith in Me.* (Act 26:18 NAU)
2. Such were some of you; but you were washed, *but you were sanctified*, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (1Co 6:11 NAU)
3. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, *cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.* (Heb 9:13-14 NAU)
4. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those *who are sanctified.* And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM," *He then says,* "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE." (Heb 10:14-17 NAU)

C. (Experiential Sanctification)—to live a godly (holy) life by the power of the Holy Spirit

1. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now *present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.* (Rom 6:19 NAU)
2. who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. (1Pe 1:1-2 NAU)
3. But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, (1Co 1:30 NAU)

II. The Christian & Missionary Alliance Statement of Faith re: Jesus & the Holy Spirit

- A. Jesus Christ is the true God and the true man.⁽⁴⁾ He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.⁽⁵⁾ He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust,⁽⁶⁾ as a substitutionary sacrifice,⁽⁷⁾ and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.⁽⁸⁾ He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures.⁽⁹⁾ He is now at the right hand of Majesty on high as our great High Priest.⁽¹⁰⁾ He will come again to establish His kingdom, righteousness and peace.^{(11)*}
- B. The Holy Spirit is a divine person,⁽¹²⁾ sent to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believer,⁽¹³⁾ and convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.^{(14)*}
- C. It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly,⁽²²⁾ being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service.⁽²³⁾ This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion.^{(24)*}

III. Understanding the Difference Between the Initial Indwelling vs the Baptism & Filling of the Holy Spirit

A. *The Initial Work of the Holy Spirit in our Lives: Indwelling*

1. John 16:7-11—He convicts us and convinces us of our need for a Savior
2. Ephesians 2:8-9—He gives us faith to believe
3. I Peter 1:3-5—God uses the Holy Spirit to cause our new birth in Jesus
4. Romans 8:9-11—He indwells us at the moment of salvation & new birth
5. Ephesians 1:14—the Holy Spirit is given to us as a pledge of our inheritance in Christ

B. *The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Makes Baptism in and filling of Him to the full—just like Jesus*

1. John 1:26-36—John's promise: Jesus will baptism in the Holy Spirit
2. Matthew 3:11-17—Jesus is baptized in the Jordan by John and the Holy Spirit comes upon him
3. John 20:22 vs Acts 1:5 & 2:1-4—Distinction between receiving and being filled with the Spirit
4. Acts 8:1-17—Samaritans baptized in the Holy Spirit after being saved
5. Acts 19:1-7—Ephesian disciples believe first in Jesus and then are baptized in the Holy Spirit

CONC: Why should we seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit? (1) It is obedience in following Jesus and receiving all He has for us; (2) His filling power frees us from the law of sin and death and the laws of the old covenant giving us freedom in Christ; (3) We cannot live godly and eternally profitable lives apart from His filling; (4) we cannot accomplish the work God desires to do through us apart from His baptism and mighty power; (5) we cannot truly enjoy our salvation and our relationship with God apart from the filling and baptism of the Holy Spirit.

*References from the C&MA Statement of Faith

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