

JESUS, OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST; THE HOLY SPIRIT, OUR COMFORTER  
Week 18/JROC – BE FILLED with the Spirit - Pt. 1  
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Read Gal. 5:16-26. Note: Gal. 5:25 - *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*  
I Cor. 6:19 - *do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*

At salvation, at Pentecost and following, through this Church Age, the Holy Spirit baptized/immersed us into/placed us into the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit regenerates; He awakens...He gives new life.

I Cor. 12:13 - *by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.* And, because the Holy Spirit baptizes us into the one body – the body of Christ which is the Church with Jesus as our Head – at our salvation...we are NOT told to ask God for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We have already been baptized by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit indwells believers!

In Gal. 5:25 we're told *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

The Gk word for “walk” in this verse means “to walk in line with” the Spirit. The root of that word speaks to agreeing with the Spirit, following the Spirit.

We have ALL of God.

John 14:23 - *Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.’*

John 17:20-23 - *I do not pray for these alone (the disciples), but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. <sup>22</sup> And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>23</sup> I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*

We have ALL of God. God is desiring more of us! We need to know what is ours from Scripture! We need to know Scripture! We need to appropriate – make our own – that which is ours already! The Holy Spirit gives us understanding of the Word which He inspired! Ask the Holy Spirit for understanding of Scripture and thank Him for giving you understanding!

Eph. 5:15-18 - *See then that you walk circumspectly (carefully), not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,*

George Sweeting, former President and Chancellor of the Moody Bible Institute and former Pastor of The Moody Church, wrote the following in “Who Said That?” published by Moody Press... “Notice three important facts about Ephesians 5:18. First, it is in the imperative mood. It is not a suggestion or an appeal, but a command. Anything less than the fullness of the Spirit is disobedience to the Word of God. Second, it is a present tense verb. We are to be filled with the

Holy Spirit now. And it is a continuous action verb. It could be translated, “Be being filled with the Spirit.” We must be filled daily, constantly, moment by moment. Yesterday’s blessings are not sufficient for today or tomorrow. Third, it is a passive verb. That means that being filled with

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the Spirit is not something we do, but something that is done for us. We must be yielded. We must be willing. We must be believing. But God does the filling. We simply receive it by faith.”

God does not tell us to ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one-time event – at the moment of our salvation. At the moment of our salvation we are baptized into the body of Christ, the Church, by the Holy Spirit. God does tell us to “be filled” with the Spirit which literally means “go on being filled.”

The Spirit of God permanently indwells believers in Jesus since Pentecost (we who are considered “in Christ” I Thess. 4:16). He has been indwelling us since our salvation.

*Eph. 1:12-14 - that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. <sup>13</sup> In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee (the down payment) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession (when we see Him face-to-face), to the praise of His glory.*

God desires for us to be filled up to the full with the Spirit. How much is filled up to the full? To the full - COMPLETE! NOT LACKING! As the filling of the Spirit applies to our walk in the Spirit, the Spirit of God is READY to take charge and instill within us not only a dynamic life that is powerful/explosive, but also a quiet confidence in life! Are we ready?

What does being “filled with the Spirit” look like?

*Eph. 5:8-10 - For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), <sup>10</sup> finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*

If you desire to be filled with the Spirit...let’s consider what we should NOT be engaged in:

Eph. 5:3 – **Don’t be immoral, impure, or greedy**...do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you.

Eph. 5:4 – **Don’t lose control of your tongue**...there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting.

Eph. 5:6 – **Don’t be deceived**...let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Eph. 5:11 – **Don’t participate in evil deeds**...deeds of darkness...do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead, expose them.

Eph. 5:15 – **Don’t be unwise**...therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise but as wise.

Eph. 5:17 – **Don’t be foolish**...but understand the will of the Lord.

Eph. 5:18 – **Don’t get drunk**...*don’t get drunk with wine...**but be filled with the Spirit.***

The filling of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event. It is a continual filling. The Greek verb, *be filled*, is passive which means we are receiving the filling. And, it is *imperative*, so this is not an optional experience!

When the Spirit takes control, the fruits of the Spirit are produced in our lives:

The fruits of the Spirit are in contrast to the works of the flesh noted in Gal. 5:19-21. We read in Gal. 5:22-23 - *...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

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The word *fruit* is singular; Paul is not speaking of a series of fruits that would be shared around, so that one believer has one, another has another. Rather Paul states that all the qualities are to be manifested in each believer. *The fruit of the Spirit is love.* Love encompasses all of the fruits.

When God gave us the faith to believe in Jesus and He imparted salvation to us...when the Spirit took up permanent residence within us, He brought with Him the full capacity of His power.

John 3:34 - *God does not give the Spirit by measure* – not sparingly. Everyone who belongs to Jesus has the Spirit of God living in him or her (Rom. 8:9 - *But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*).

Nevertheless, we can hinder or stifle the work of the Spirit in our lives. We can quench the Holy Spirit (I Thess. 5:19), and even “grieve the Holy Spirit” (Eph. 4:30).

Quench speaks of suppressing fire or stifling a flame. The Holy Spirit is like a fire dwelling in each believer. When Paul wrote, “Do not quench the Holy Spirit,” he cautioned believers not to suppress the fire of God’s Spirit that burns within us. Paul told Timothy “keep ablaze the gift of God that is in you.” (II Tim. 1:6). Quenching the Holy Spirit hinders the cultivation of personal godliness which in turn undermines the Church’s holiness and causes sorrow and distress to the Holy Spirit.

Grieving the Holy Spirit means to cause Him to feel sorrow, pain, unhappiness, or distress. As the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit has emotions: joy (Lk. 10:21); He can be insulted (Heb. 10:29); sorrow (Eph. 4:30 NLT). And, when we don’t walk in the holiness and love of Jesus and in harmony with fellow believers, we grieve the Spirit of God. Grieving occurs when we sin against God, rebel against God, and follow our worldly desires.

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STUDY TIME/DEVOTIONAL TIME:

The Spirit gives us direction in life (Acts 13:2; 15:28), transforms us (Phil. 1:19), encourages us (Acts 9:31), empowers us to share the gospel (Acts 1:8, 6:10), and carries out the sanctifying work of changing us into the image of Jesus (II Cor. 3:18; Rom. 15:16; II Thess. 2:13; I Pet. 1:2).

When we do NOT allow the Spirit to work in our hearts or be seen in our actions, we quench the Holy Spirit. If we prevent the Spirit from manifesting Himself in the way He desires...when we act or think contrary to the practices and character of God, we quench the

Holy Spirit within us. In rejecting the Spirit's guidance in our lives, we smother the flame instead of fanning it, and we halt the production of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

Quenching the Holy Spirit is grieving the Spirit in that both, quenching and grieving, negatively affect the believer, the Church, and the world.

When we do not quench the Holy Spirit (I Thess. 5:19), He burns within us like a living letter written on the tablets of our hearts (II Cor. 3:3). Our lives are set ablaze to shine forth the truth, light, and love of God to everyone we encounter (Acts 11:23; John 3:21). When we do not quench the Holy Spirit, His presence brings unity, blessings, and fellowship (II Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1; I Pet. 4:14).