

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

LESSON 4

HOW YOU CAN BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Objective: To personally ask for the filling of the Holy Spirit by faith

Scripture to read before the lesson: Acts 6:8–7:60

Memorize the following verses:

Romans 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Ephesians 5:18

18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

1 John 5:14-15

14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

15 And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him.

Learning how to be filled (controlled and empowered) by the Holy Spirit by faith can be the most important discovery of your life.

We are filled with the Spirit by faith, just as we received Christ by faith. Everything we receive from God, from the moment of our spiritual birth until we die, is by faith.

Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit? You can be filled right now, by faith. This lesson will show you how.

BIBLE STUDY

What you must know

1. What is the command found in **Ephesians 5:18**?

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

2. What is the promise found in **1 John 5:14-15**?

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him.

3. According to these Scriptures, why do you need to be filled with the Spirit?

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

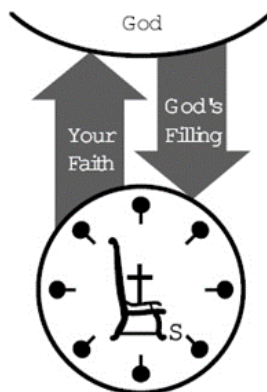
Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

***The fruit of the Spirit is never an end in itself, but only a means to the end.** We win men and women to Christ, which in turn brings glory and honor to Him (John 15:8).

⁸ This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, **showing yourselves to be my disciples.** (**The ultimate mission and goal of following Christ in this world: Becoming a fisher of men and women*)

WHAT YOU MUST FEEL



1. What is one prerequisite to being filled with the Spirit, according to **Matthew 5:6**?
⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
2. How are you applying this to your life?

What You Must Do

1. If your desire to be filled with the Spirit is sincere, what will you do now (**Romans 12:1-2**)?

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² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

This means there can be no unconfessed sin in your life. The Holy Spirit cannot fill an

unclean vessel. He waits to fill you with His power.

2. How then are you filled with the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 7:7–11

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

John 7:37–39

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

3. Will the Holy Spirit fill you if you ask Him?
How do you know (**1 John 5:14-15**)?

14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

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LIFE APPLICATION

1. You can be filled with the Holy Spirit only by faith. Prayer is one way of expressing your faith. If you truly desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit, you can pray this prayer now:

Dear Father, I need You. I acknowledge that I have been in control of my life, and as a result, I have sinned against You. I thank You for forgiving my sins through Christ's death on the cross for me. I now invite Christ to take control of the throne of my life. Fill me with the Holy Spirit as You commanded me to be filled, and as You promised in Your Word that You would do if I asked in faith. I pray this in the

name of Jesus. As an expression of my faith, I now thank You for taking control of my life and for filling me with the Holy Spirit.

2. What must you have when you ask Him to fill you (**Hebrews 11:6**)?

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

3. If you have asked the Holy Spirit to fill you, thank Him. God is dependable; His Word is true. If you are sincere, He has filled you.

4. What should be your attitude from this day forward (**1 Thessalonians 5:18**)?

¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Date of filling:

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