

Part 12 How to Be Filled Continuously with the Holy Spirit

Before we start this amazing topic, I would like to remind you what the Holy Spirit was given and released for:

1. The Holy Spirit was given and released as a gift to the Bride of Christ. A gift can either be received or rejected but not earned.

Then Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ to remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

2. The Holy Spirit was poured out on Pentecost to usher the dispensation of grace. In no other dispensation has the Holy Spirit dwelt IN people. Please note the distinction between “in you” and “with you”!

...the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you. (John 14:17)

3. The Holy Spirit’s main function with regard to the Bride of Christ is to disciple believers and conform them to the image of Christ. That is why Jesus called Him a Helper.

When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. (John 15:26)

4. The Holy Spirit’s work with regard to the world is to convict people of their need for Jesus Christ.

When he comes, he will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment... (John 16:8)

5. The Holy Spirit also prepares Jesus’ Bride for her wedding by filling her lamps with oil.

At that time, the kingdom from heaven will be comparable to ten bridesmaids who took their oil lamps and went out to meet the groom. (Mat 25:1)

Now let us look at the basics on how we receive the Holy Spirit:

1. We receive the Holy Spirit when we become born-again.

Jesus answered, "Truly, I tell you with certainty, unless a person is born of water and Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

(John 3:5)

2. We are also being filled with the Holy Spirit as we grow in the Lord by obeying the Spirit. We do this by studying the bible and obeying God's teachings, by prayer, and by fellowship.

As all of us reflect the glory of the Lord with unveiled faces, we are becoming more like him with ever-increasing glory by the Lord's Spirit. (2Cor 3:18)

3. But we are also being filled continuously by the Holy Spirit as we do away with sin and its patterns in our lives.

For if you live according to human nature, you are going to die, but if by the Spirit you continually put to death the activities of the body, you will live. (Rom 8:13)

Please make a note that the receiving part of the Holy Spirit is at conversion when we are baptized, but the infilling of the Spirit is a continuous process. This has not been emphasised enough in our preaching nowadays but instead it has been substituted with teachings and practices of once-off baptisms of the Holy Spirit. There is no way that a believer can become mature and obedient child of God by once-off experiences with God. It is not scriptural, and it is false. The growth of the believer is always accomplished by obedience and discipline through a living relationship with God, no short cuts.

So, how do we make sure we are continuously filled with the Holy Spirit? Short answer is by obeying Him. But I will now show you a demonstration that will help you understand how to practice continual infilling with the Spirit of God. Demo shown.

The layers of sins shown in the demo in different colour-coding are:

1. The outer layer of sinfulness – greed, gossip, unforgiveness, idolatry, laziness, anger and impatience.
2. The second layer of sinfulness that is more difficult to detect – worries, fear, unbelief, control and compromise.
3. The last and most hidden layer of sinfulness – pride, rebellion and rejection. Those three are strongholds and control the others.

The longer we hold on to those sins the more we resist the Holy Spirit in cleansing and infilling us with His goodness.

I pray and ask the Holy Spirit to convict you individually about hidden sins in your life that may obstruct the free flow of the Spirit in your personal life.