

“Filled with the Holy Spirit”

Ephesians 5:15-18

I. God commands us to be filled with the Holy Spirit

A. It is possible because God promises it

“I will pour out my Spirit on all people.” (Joel 2:28)

“Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 1:4)

B. It is possible because God has done it

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert.” (Luke 4:1)

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:4)

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 4:31)

II. Who is the Holy Spirit that fills us?

A. The Holy Spirit is God

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?” (I Corinthians 3:16)

B. The Holy Spirit is a person

C. The Holy Spirit is holy

III. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

A. It means to be under God’s complete control

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20)

B. It means to belong exclusively to God

C. It means to have the most intimate relationship with God

“To know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:19)

“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” (John 14:20)

D. It means to have God’s power at work in us

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

IV. How are we filled with the Holy Spirit

A. We must first receive God's forgiveness

B. We must desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit

"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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13)

C. We must surrender ourselves to God

"I urge you brothers in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God." (Romans 12:1)

D. We must trust God completely

V. How do we live a life filled with the Holy Spirit

A. We must always keep surrendered to God

B. We must always keep trusting God

C. We must always keep obeying God

"I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." (Ezekiel 36:26)

D. We must always keep glorifying God