

Born of, Baptized in and Filled with the Spirit
Be Filled With the Spirit
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Text: Ephesians 5:18-19

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We are living in the age of the Spirit.

A. The Father has had His work to do – CREATION.

The Age of the Father extends from the father of all living (Adam) to the Father of the Faith (Abraham).

B. The Son has had His work to do – REDEMPTION.

The Age of the Son extends from the typical sacrifice and resurrection of only begotten son of the Old Testament (Isaac) to the incarnation, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of the Only Begotten Son of the New Testament, the Lord Jesus Christ.

C. The Spirit has His work to do – SANCTIFICATION.

The Age of the Spirit extends from the early rain outpouring at the birth of the church to the final outpouring of the Spirit prior to the Lord's return.

We are living in the Church Age or the Age of the Spirit.

The Work of the Spirit in the Age of the Spirit

The work of the Spirit to help bring to fulfillment in the believer all that has been provided for us by the Father and the Son and to assist the believer in becoming all that God in Christ has made it possible for us to become.

The Three Significant Encounters with the Holy Spirit

The believer has three significant encounters with the Holy Spirit that all help the believer to fulfill their destiny:

A. Being Born of the Spirit

B. Being Baptized with the Spirit

C. Being Filled with the Spirit

The Purpose of these Encounters

If we are to receive the full benefit of these experiences we must understand the purpose and the distinction between each of them.

A. To be born in the Spirit

1. Necessary for entrance into the Kingdom of God.
2. Associated with the New Birth.
3. Occurs when we repent and receive Christ.
4. The Spirit enters our spirit and we become a child of God and the Temple of the Holy Ghost.
5. The evidence that we have been born of the Spirit is the inner witness of the Spirit.
6. The outcome or fruit of this experience is the growth of the fruit of the Spirit.
7. Primary focus: **CHARACTER OF CHRIST**

B. To be baptized with or in the Spirit

1. An experience subsequent to salvation.
2. An endowment with power from on High to fulfill the commission of God in our lives.
3. An experience that Christ wants every believer to experience.

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-for all whom the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:38-39

4. An anointing upon the believer (Luke 4:18).
5. The evidence of this experience is speaking with other tongues.

The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Acts 10:45-46

6. The outcome or fruit of this experience is a greater release and security to the Gifts of the Spirit.
7. Primary focus: **THE ABILITY OR POWER OF CHRIST**

C. To be filled with the Spirit

1. Often confused with the Baptism of the Spirit.
2. Available to anyone who is born of the Spirit.
3. The Spirit fills the heart and mind of the Spirit so that every thought, determination and action is under the pervading influence and direction of the Holy Spirit.
4. It is to be a continual and daily experience of the believer.
5. The evidence of the filling of the Spirit is boldness.
6. The fruit is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.
7. May occur simultaneously with the other two.
8. Primary focus: **DAILY ENDURANCE**

Notice these three encounters in the experience of Jesus

1. Born of the Spirit.

Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. Matthew 11:20

2. Baptized with the Spirit.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

Matthew 3:16

3. Filled with the Spirit (Luke 4:1).

Notice these three encounters in the experience of the Apostles

1. Born of the Spirit.

And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22

2. Baptized in the Spirit.

For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:5

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

3. Filled with the Spirit.

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 4:23-31

Paul commanded born-again, Spirit baptized believers to be filled with the Spirit

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Other translations:

...Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. –NLT

...but keep on being filled with the Spirit. –ISV

The tense of the verb in the Greek here literally means “keep on being filled with the Spirit.”

This is **not to be a one-time event** in the life of the believer but something that is experienced over and over again in an ongoing way.

- 1. It is a command, imperative, “Be filled!”**
- 2. It is to be continual, “Keep on being filled!”**
- 3. It is much like the lampstand in the Tabernacle of Moses.**
 - It has an initial filling with oil at its inauguration.
 - It had to be serviced daily with a refilling to ensure the light not go out.
 - The wick lasted indefinitely.

The believer’s experience should be the same.

- We experience our initial filling with the oil of the Spirit.
- We need to experience a daily filling of the oil of the Spirit.
- We too run on oil not the wick.

The need for continual filling

We need continual filling because:

- The routines of life can drain us.
- The attacks of the enemy can deplete our energy.
- The special challenges that each day holds can try us.
- The opposition from unbelievers can discourage us.

The path to continual filling

1. We must recognize our need.

Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. Acts 4:29

2. We must take the initiative.

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3. We must hunger and thirst.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Matthew 5:6

4. We must ask.

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

5. We must do this often.

Stop getting drunk with wine, which leads to wild living, but keep on being filled with the Spirit. Ephesians 5:18, ISV

All these encounters with the Spirit are tools that God has given to us to help us fulfill our mission and purpose

1. Empowered for service.

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.

Acts 1:8

2. Filled for pouring out.

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Pray for people in the three categories:

- People who need to be born again.
- People who need the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- People who need a fresh touch or refilling.