

We Are Commanded To Be Filled with the Holy Spirit



Scripture Memory

“Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; “

Thursday

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Q. In Ephesians 4:30, what work of the Holy Spirit is mentioned that makes us secure in Jesus Christ?

When we got saved, the Holy Spirit of God came to dwell in us. He sealed us, so that we would never be separated from Him again. At the moment that we accepted Christ as our Lord and Saviour, we received all of God that we will ever receive, but He wants more and more of *us* each day.

Look up Romans 8:29

Q. What has God determined that the saved person will be conformed to?

Salvation is an instant, one-time event. But sanctification (or becoming more like Christ) is a continual process that God desires to perform in our lives. Sometimes obeying God is easy, and other times it is a struggle. We still face the temptations of the flesh, but now that we are saved, we can choose to give in to temptation, or to overcome it by the Holy Spirit's power in us.

Look up Romans 7:21-23



Q. Have you experienced this inward struggle since you've been saved?

Friday

In Ephesians 5:18, God tells us not to be _____ with wine but to be filled with the Holy Spirit. At first this seems to be an odd comparison, until we look a little closer at the affects of alcohol in a persons life.

1. A drunk person is under the CONTROL of another substance.
2. The drunk person behaves in a way that is out of his CHARACTER.

God chose to use this comparison, because he desires that we surrender our lives to the *control* of the Holy Spirit. And because the filling of the Holy Spirit results in change of *character* in our lives. It is me giving the controls of my life over to God.

Who needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Look up Ephesians 5:22,23. Who is mentioned in these verses?

_____ , _____.

Look up Eph. 6:1, 6:4. Who is mentioned here? _____

These verses indicate that being surrendered to Holy Spirit fullness is not just for preachers or pastors, but for everyday living!

There are no requirements for the filling of the Holy Spirit other than sincere obedience to God. It doesn't matter how smart you are, what position you hold in the church, or what line of work you are in. God desires that all Christians, everywhere be surrendered to the control of His Holy Spirit.

We can't be the Moms, Dads, Kids, Grandparents, or Employees that God wants us to be, without his Holy Spirit fullness.



Q. How would Holy Spirit fulness show itself in your everyday life? As a parent, at work, as a friend, etc.

Saturday

The ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives is meant to glorify Jesus Christ. John 16:13, 14. If we desire that our lives bring glory to the name of Jesus, than we *must* have his filling. Let's look at some conditions for this filling.

1. Realize That You Can't Do It Yourself.

We can't please God, become more like Jesus, or overcome sin, in our flesh. If we live a life that pleases God, it's because we've allowed *him* to live *through* us. **Galatians 2:20**

2. Repent Of Any Known Sin In Your Life.

Harboring unrepentant sin quenches the work of the spirit in our lives. Repent of this sin and forsake it, choosing rather to obey God. **Eph 4:30, 1 Th 5:19**

3. Request Holy Spirit Fullness

Once we realize that we can't please God in our flesh, and we repent of sin that we've allowed to hinder our growth, then we must ask God to give us Holy Spirit fullness.

Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

The fullness of the Spirit is not a mystical occurrence in the life of a Christian. Being filled with his Spirit should be the Christians normal condition!

Unfortunately in today's society, Christians have become worldly and accustomed to the sin that we see all around us. We must take a step back and sincerely ask God, what things in our lives may be hindering the Holy Spirit from fully working in us!

Be willing to make drastic decisions that will glorify the name of Christ!



Q. What are some reasons that Christians would not desire the fullness of the Spirit?

Monday

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not an option for the Christian; it is a command. He has given us the Holy Spirit to dwell in us, now he commands us to surrender our will to His control.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

1. He will guide us. John 16:13,14
2. He helps us to pray Romans 8:26
3. He develops the fruit (or evidence) of the spirit in our lives.

Look up Galatians 5:22-25

Evidence that you have surrendered your life to the Holy Spirit's control are the presence of these character qualities in your life.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

His fullness also causes us to be a witness; speaking his word with boldness. **Look up** Acts 4:31

When these qualities are missing from our lives, or their negative counterparts are present, it is an indication that we must surrender to his filling. It is only by the Holy Spirit control of our lives that we can truly overcome sinful character qualities. When we pray for his fullness and surrender our will to Him, it is no longer us that lives, but Him that lives *through* us! **Galatians 2:20**



Q. Which of the evidences above do you feel you are lacking the most? Which has God helped you with?

Tuesday – Self Check!

1. What has God determined that we *will* be conformed to?
2. Who needs to be filled with the Spirit?
3. What are some indications that we *are* filled with the Spirit?
4. What must we do to be filled with the Spirit?

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