



Holy Spirit

**Be Filled With The Spirit**

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*While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." - Acts 19:1-2 NIV*

## THREE BAPTISMS

Baptized into the BODY OF CHRIST.

*But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit...  
- 1 Corinthians 12:13 NLT*

*So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.  
- Galatians 3:26-27 NIV*

WATER baptism.

*Those who accepted his message were baptized... - Acts 2:41 NIV*

*"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven." - Matthew 10:32-33 NIV*

Baptism IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. <sup>15</sup> When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. - Acts 8:14-17 NIV*

*For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. - 1 John 5:7-8 NIV*

# BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

*Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. - Ephesians 5:18 NIV*

## 1. REMOVE all barriers.

*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. <sup>39</sup> 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 NIV*

## 2. REQUEST the gift of 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 NIV*

## 3. RECEIVE Him by faith.

*As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep.*

*<sup>4</sup> He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. <sup>5</sup> He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. - Ezekiel 47:3-5 NIV*

*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. - Hebrews 11:6 NIV*

## 4. RELATE to Him daily.

*The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.*

*- 2 Corinthians 13:14 MSG*

## **Walk the Talk**

### *A Small Group Guide*

Read: Acts 8:4-25

1. What hero/superhero did you like the most as a young kid? What ability did they have that you longed for yourself?
2. Why is it that so many get caught up in “cult of personality” when they can wow us, like Simon in this story? How can this story be a warning for not falling prey to such situations?
3. How was Philip’s ministry so different than Simon’s sorcery? Why do you think Simon was wowed by Philip’s and the apostle’s ministry of the “laying on of hands” in receiving the Holy Spirit? What do you think he witnessed that intrigued him so much?
4. How does this story in Acts 8 show the three kinds of baptism mentioned in the outline above? Why is it important to see these three as separate works of God in a believer’s life?
5. When one reads the various stories in Acts about receiving the fullness of the Spirit and its attendant signs (see Acts 2:1-4; 8:18-19; 10:44-48; 19:4-7), why is it important to separate it from salvation and baptism in water? What are its main signs? How are most filled?
6. Review the four points under the heading above, “Be Filled With The Spirit.” How can you as a group (or an individual) position yourself to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit?