

INDWELLING, SEALING, AND FILLING

Selected Passages

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The once and for all baptism of the Holy Spirit: *(See 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom 6:4)*
- B. The once and for all indwelling of the Holy Spirit: *(See John 14:16-17)*

II. THE ONCE AND FOR ALL SEALING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: *(New position)*

- A. Who is sealed: *(See 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 4:30)*
- B. When the sealing occurs: *(See 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13)*
- C. Who forms the seal: *(See Eph. 1:13)*
- D. How long the seals last: *(See Eph. 4:30; Rom. 8:23)*
- E. Why the seal is important:
 - 1. The security in the seal: *(2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13-14; 2 Tim. 2:13)*
 - 2. The purity in the seal: *(See Eph. 4:30)*

III. THE ONCE AND AGAIN, FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: *(New potential)*

- A. The purpose for the Spirit's filling:
 - 1. To equip you for service: *(See Acts 6:3,7)*
 - 2. To control every area of your life: *(See Gal. 5:16; Col. 3)*
- B. Characteristics of the Spirit's filling:
 - 1. Christ-like character: *(See Gal. 5:22-23)*
 - 2. Boldly sharing the Gospel and reaping: *(See Acts 4:31; 5:14; 6:7)*
 - 3. Constantly singing vibrantly to the Lord: *(See Eph. 5:18-19)*
 - 4. Continually (always) being thankful for everything (absence of worry, disappointment, guilt, doubt, irritability, resentment, inferiority, jealousy, fears, etc.) *(See Eph. 5:18,20)*
 - 5. Being submissive to the authority figures in your life: *(See Eph. 5:18, 21)*
- C. The goal of the Spirit's filling, spirituality: *(See 2 Pet. 3:18)*
 - 1. What spirituality is: A spiritual person is a born-again believer who is hungry and disciplined to study, understand and wisely implement what he is being taught from God's Word. This in turn, triggers rapid spiritual growth. *(See 1 Pet. 2:2)* With a sense of urgency, he eagerly addresses anything that would hinder the Spirit from daily producing Christ's character in his life, or Christ's ministry through his life. He places his life and the life of his loved ones, at Christ's complete disposal, at the expense of his own. *(See Rom. 6:16; 1 Cor. 6:19; Mt. 10:36-38)*
 - 2. How the Holy Spirit produces spirituality in my life:
 - a. When I hunger to be taught the Word of God: *(Jn. 16:12-15; 1 Cor. 2:13, 15)*
 - b. When I promptly obey the Word of God: *(See Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:16-17)*

- c. When I promptly confess and forsake known sin: *(See 1 Jn. 1:9-10)*
 - d. When I discipline myself to daily pray in accordance with His will: *(See Rom. 8:26; Eph. 6:18)*
 - e. When I faithfully exercise my spiritual gifts in a local church: *(1 Cor. 12:7)*
 - f. When I treasure time with eternity in mind: *(See 1 Cor. 3:1-3)*
3. What spiritual growth looks like: (spiritual burnout is a foreign concept in Scripture)
Devouring spiritual meals + exhaustive spiritual exercise = spiritual maturity
- D. Why additional fillings are necessary:
- 1. Outraging the Holy Spirit: *(See Heb. 10:27,29)*
 - 2. Resisting the Holy Spirit, the natural bent: *(See Acts 7:51)*
 - 3. Lying to and testing the Holy Spirit: *(See Acts 5:3,9)*
 - 4. Grieving the Holy Spirit: *(See Eph. 4:30)*
 - 5. Quenching the Holy Spirit: *(See 1 Thes. 5:19)*

IV. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

- A. The Holy Spirit gives me a sense of security in my daily relationship with Christ, while motivating me to practice the daily presence of Christ.
- B. When the Holy Spirit is filling my life, He produces in me the finest character reference I could ever have.