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What does it mean to be FILLED with the Spirit?

INDWELLS US	INFILLS US
WORKS IN US (as His Sons)	WORKS THROUGH US (as His Servants)
All of God's Spirit SERVING US	All of us SERVING GOD'S SPIRIT
Happens ONE TIME	Can happen MULTIPLE TIMES

Indwelling is solely the work of the Holy Spirit upon the moment we receive the gift of salvation.

However, when it comes to infilling, we are asked to participate.

EPHESIANS 5:18 (ESV)

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit ..

To be “filled” is to be “controlled by.”

To be filled with the Spirit is not a one time event which we live off of for the rest of our lives.

We need to be filled with the Spirit over and over again.

“We are leaky vessels ... we should not try to do God’s work with the grace God gave us ten years ago. ... what we want is a fresh supply, a fresh anointing and fresh power, and if we seek it, and seek it with all our hearts, we will obtain it.”

- D.L. Moody

To be filled with the Spirit is to allow Him to take charge and give Him full control to move in every area of your life.



WHAT DO YOU DO TO REMAIN FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?

1. LIVE IN THE MISSION OF THE SPIRIT.

God can do the work of restoring people to Himself, by Himself. However, that is not His plan. His plan includes inviting us to partner with Him.

EPHESIANS 2:10 (MSG)

He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

2. THIRST AFTER THE HOLY SPIRIT.

JOHN 7:37-39 (NCV)

On the last and most important day of the feast Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. If anyone believes in me, rivers of living water will flow out from that person's heart, as the Scripture says." Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit. The Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been raised to glory. But later, those who believed in Jesus would receive the Spirit.

Thirst for the Spirit to fill and empower us because we believe that He alone is sufficient, that He alone is enough.

3. WAIT & PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Why do we need to continue to wait and ask to be filled for the Holy Spirit?

BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON.

LUKE 11:9-13 (NLT)

And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

4. REPENT IF YOU HAVE GRIEVED OR QUENCHED THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE HOLY SPIRIT GRIEVES	THE HOLY SPIRIT IS RESTRAINED
Sin of COMMISSION	Sin of OMISSION
DID what we should not have done	DID NOT DO what we should have done
“PARABASIS” “stepped on a boundary”	“HAMARTEMA” “missed the mark”

EPHESIANS 4:30 (NIV)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19 (NIV)

Do not quench the Spirit.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19 (MSG)

Don't suppress the Spirit ...

5. SURRENDER YOURSELF TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20 (NLT)

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

“The first thing a man must do if he desires to be used in the Lord's work, is to make an unconditional surrender of himself to God. He must consecrate and then concentrate.”
- D.L. Moody

To consecrate ourselves is to acknowledge the call that our lives have been set apart for the purposes of God.

To concentrate is to focus on what matters most and to make up our minds that our lives are going to be given to one thing.

Yield to the Holy Spirit. Allow Him to use your life for His purposes.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the difference between the infilling and indwelling of the Holy Spirit?
2. Of the five points regarding how to remain filled with the Holy Spirit, which one do you need to work on and why?

