

Jesus' Requirements of a Believer

(Various scriptures)

#1 – John 1:12 – But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

To be saved a person must believe in Jesus.

#2 – John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

To be saved a person must believe in Jesus.

#3 – John 3:36 – He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

To be saved a person must believe in Jesus.

#4 – John 6:47 – Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

To be saved a person must believe in Jesus.

Requirements of a Believer

(Various scriptures)

#5 – Acts 16:30-31 – And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

To be saved a person must believe in Jesus.

#6 – Ephesians 2:8-9 – For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

To be saved a person must have faith, believe, in Jesus.

#7 – 1 John 5:11-13 – And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

To be saved a person must believe in Jesus.

Jesus' Requirements of a Disciple

(Various scriptures)

**Jesus commanded us to make disciples of all the nations.
Matthew 28:18-20.**

#1 – Luke 14:26 – “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, ... he cannot be My disciple.

To be a disciple requires hating our family by comparison to our love for the Lord.

#2 – Luke 14:26 – “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate ... and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

To be a disciple requires hating my own life by comparison to the life the Lord has for me.

#3 – Luke 14:27 – And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

To be a disciple requires dying to self everyday (Luke 9:23).

Jesus' Requirements of a Disciple

(Various scriptures)

**Jesus called us to make disciples of all the nations.
Matthew 28:18-20**

#4 – Luke 14:33 – So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

To be a disciple requires forsaking all that we have (also see Matthew 16:24).

#5 – John 8:31 – Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”

To be a disciple requires we abide in Jesus' word.

#6 & #7 – John 15:7-8 – If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

To be a disciple requires abiding in Jesus & His word abiding in us.

How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

Step #1 – A person must be born again.

John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 3:16, Romans 8:9-11.

Step #2 – We may need to ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:13, James 4:2.

Step #3 – We need to ask with the right motives.

Isaiah 43:7, James 4:3.

Step #4 – We need to be humble.

James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5.

Step #5 – We need to believe (faith) God wants to do it.

Hebrews 11:6, James 1:5-7.

Step #6 – We need to submit/surrender to the Holy Spirit as much as we can as an alcoholic does to alcohol.

Ephesians 5:15-18 (v.18 is the KEY verse to being filled).

How does an Alcoholic submit to alcohol?

- #1** – They submit or surrender to the alcohol each and every day. In fact, they submit various times during each day.
- #2** – They submit to the alcohol on a regular basis, willingly. It doesn't seem like it at times, but they can stop.
- #3** – They submit to it despite the fact some people will think they're fools for doing it. This speaks to the depth of the need.
- #4** – They submit thinking they can NOT get by that day without the alcohol.
- #5** – They go no serious length of time without submitting to it.
- #6** – The more they submit to the alcohol, the more it takes control or power over the person.

Question: Now, can we apply these points to our spiritual addiction to the Holy Spirit?