

## The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

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### MHS-01 Ministry of the Holy Spirit Series

- Acts 1:1–5 – “...Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before...in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
- Acts 19:2 “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them. “No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”
- Acts 19:6 Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.
- If someone were to ask you...Have you been baptized with the Holy Spirit?
- Are you filled with the Spirit?
  - How do you know?
  - I asked, and I believe
  - What would be the evidence that you are?

### Terminology and its implied meanings

- **Baptized** - Acts 1:5 (NLT) — 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
- **Filled** - Acts 2:4 (NLT) — 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.
- **Controlled** - Romans 8:6 (NLT) — 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.
- **Yielded** – letting the Spirit control... your will is involved
- Possessing vs. being possessed
- **Possessing**
  - John 20:22 (NLT) — 22 Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”
- **Possessed** by (Controlled)
  - Romans 8:6...But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.
  - Philippians 3:12 (NLT) — 12 I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

### Excerpt from Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders

- To be filled with the Spirit means simply that the Christian voluntarily surrenders life and will to the Spirit. Through faith, the believer’s personality is permeated, mastered, and controlled by the Spirit. The meaning of filled is not to pour into a passive container, but to take possession of the mind. Whenever we invite the Spirit to fill us, the Spirit’s power grips our lives with this kind of strength and passion.
- To be filled with the Spirit is to be controlled by the Spirit. The Christian leader’s mind, emotions, will, and physical strength all become available for the Spirit to guide and use. Under the Spirit’s control, natural gifts of leadership are lifted to their highest power, sanctified for holy purpose. All the fruits of the Spirit start to grow in the leader’s life. His witness is more winsome, service more steady, and testimony more powerful

### Quantitative Terminology

- Filled – implication, you can be not filled
- 1 Corinthians 13:8–10.

### What to anticipate in this series

- **Jesus Ascended** - Acts 1:3, Acts 1:9
- **Upper Room** - Believers gathered together – ten days
- Acts 1:14-15
- **Acts 2 – the Day of Pentecost**

### Preparation

- Read the Book of Acts being intentional to observe the impact of the Holy Spirit in people’s lives
- Read John 14, 15, 16 – observing Jesus’ instruction on the necessity of the ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Prayer for awareness of His activity in your life
- Prayer for an upper room season with an expectation of Pentecost

### What to Expect in Observation of Pentecost Sunday May 19?

- **Wind?** - Acts 2:1–2
- **Fire?** - Acts 2:3
- **Building Shake?**
- **A gentle whisper?** - 1 Kings 19:11–13 (NLT) — 11 “Go out and stand before
- Don’t miss the supernatural, seeking the spectacular
- Don’t miss the supernatural, avoiding the seaming foolishness of the things of the Spirit
- 1 Corinthians 2:14