

**WOMEN IN THE WORD  
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**THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALED**  
Exploring the Father's Promise to Believers

Scripture Reference Notes  
Lesson EIGHT

**INDWELLING, FILLING, AND BAPTISM OF HOLY SPIRIT**

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Let's remind ourselves who the HOLY SPIRIT and what He does.

- the Spirit of Almighty God.....John 15:26
- the Promise of the Father.....Luke 24:49
- the “other” Helper, Counselor, Comforter.....John 14:16, 26
- Spirit of Truth.....John 14:17
- Convicts of sin, righteousness, judgment.....John 16:8-11
- makes believers children of God... ..Romans 8:13-16
- Seal of salvation and inheritance.....Ephesians 1:13-14
- indwells believers.....I Corinthians 6:19-20
- assures us we are co-heirs .. .Romans 8:17
- divine teacher.....John 14:26
- develops spiritual fruit in the believer.....Galatians 5:22-26
- gives spiritual gifts for service .. .I Corinthians 12
- gives life to the believer.....John 3:5-8, Rom 6:4, 8:11
- intercedes in our prayers.....Romans 8:26-27
- testifies of Jesus.....John 15:26
- leads.....Romans 8:13-14
- guides.....John 16:13
- glorifies Jesus.....John 16:14-15

## **THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN BELIEVERS**

This process of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that comes into a believers' life at the moment of belief is a "one and done" action. The Holy Spirit is then permanently present within the believer.

You may not "feel" it, but the truth is that the Holy Spirit does indwell each believer.

Ryrie in his book "The Holy Spirit" says....."Too often some of God's people seem to think that the Spirit comes and goes and that this erratic and usually unpredictable behavior of the Spirit is often based on the individual's feelings.....the truth of the Spirit's indwelling does not depend on the feeling or knowing" but on the fact that it is spoken of in God's Word!

Again from Charles Ryrie's book "The Holy Spirit"....."The permanent and universal-among-all-believers indwelling ministry of the Spirit is at the heart of the distinctiveness of the Spirit's work in this church age." He goes on further to say....."It was also the focus of our Lord's promise to His disciples concerning the ministry of the Spirit after His (Christ's) departure from earth (John 14:17). Also, the doctrine of the indwelling is foundational to the other ministries the Spirit performs today."

John 14:16-18--"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

John 20:19-22--So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Romans 8:9-11--However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

From Charles Stanley's book "The Spirit-filled Life"....."The Holy Spirit resides *in* the believer. The verb used most often to describe this unique relationship comes from the Greek work *oikeo*. In the NASB it is translated "dwell" "indwell" and "live". In the NKJV it is translated "dwell". The Greek word actually means "to live in" "reside" or "dwell". "

I Corinthians 6:19-20--Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

David Jeremiah's book "God in You" says...." The indwelling of the Holy Spirit just says He is still there, living in perpetual residency within you."

In Charles Swindoll's book "Flying Closer to the Flame" he states...."The wonderful part of all this is that by having the Spirit, you and I have all the "fuel" we need. Since He indwells us, He is there, ready to energize us and empower us at any time."

## **THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Ephesians 5:11-13--Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Skipping verse 14

Ephesians 5:15-21--Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Charles Ryrie says about these verses.....”Although there is undoubtedly a sharp contrast in the verse between drunkenness and Spirit-filling, there is also comparison, and this furnishes the clue. The comparison is in the matter of control. A drunken person is controlled by the alcohol he has consumed. Because of this he thinks and acts in ways that are not usual or natural to him. Likewise, the man who is Spirit-filled is controlled, and he too acts in ways that are unnatural to him. This is not to imply that these ways are erratic or abnormal, but to say that they are not ways that belong to his old life. Thus, being filled with the Spirit is simply being controlled by the Holy Spirit.”

I think Simon Peter is a good example of this. He denied Jesus in the courtyard and cursed. On the day of Pentecost He spoke out boldly and fearlessly proclaimed Jesus as the Christ in front of some of the same people.

Please notice that Galatians 5 has a command in it. Again Ryrie says.....”Christians are expected to be continually filled with the Spirit, for the command is in the present tense indicating a continuing requirement. We can disobey and take back control of areas of our lives, and when we do we need to yield again to the spirit control of those areas.”

Swindoll agrees and adds this: “Interestingly, in the Scriptures we are never commanded to “be baptized in the Holy Spirit” or “be indwelt by the Spirit” or “be gifted” or “be sealed”. But here in a context of various commands, we are clearly commanded to “be filled with the Spirit!” Therefore it is something we are to obey.”

Swindoll also quotes John R.W. Stott....."We can indeed agree that in both drunkenness and the fullness of the Spirit two strong influences are at work within us, alcohol in the bloodstream and the Holy Spirit in our hearts. But, where as excessive alcohol leads to unrestrained and irrational license, transforming the drunkard into an animal, the fullness of the Spirit leads to restrained and rational moral behavior, transforming the Christian into the image of Christ. Thus, the results of being under the influence of spirits on the one hand and of the Holy Spirit of God on the other are totally and utterly different. One makes us like beasts, while the other makes us like Christ."

Other verses showing the filling of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers:

Acts 2:4--And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Acts 4:8-10--Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by this name this man stands here before you in good health.

Acts 4:31--And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 6:5--The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.

Acts 9:17--So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 11:22-24--The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

Acts 13:52--And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT is spelled out in the following scripture.....

Ephesians 3:14-21--For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Swindoll concludes: The tragedy is that so many are converted but so few are Spirit filled. When this happens, a person misses the best God has to offer us on earth. What fuel is to a car, the Holy Spirit is to the believer. The Holy Spirit IS our source of spiritual fuel.”

So HOW do I know when I am filled with the Holy Spirit? We will show forth the Fruit of the Spirit. These attributes will be manifested in our daily lives.

Galatians 5:22-23--But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

When these things are evidenced in our lives, then we know we are filled with the Holy Spirit. We will know then that the Spirit is in control and not our flesh. We cannot show forth any of these qualities aside from the work of the Holy Spirit within us.

However, this is not a “one and done” situation. We must first empty ourselves and be willing to be controlled by the Spirit and keep our flesh at bay.

Remember Jesus’ teaching about being connected to the VINE.....

John 15:5--"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Verse 8---"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.”

So our staying attached to our Vine (Jesus) and allowing the Holy Spirit to control our lives will product much fruit for the Kingdom.

## **THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

In the many reference books I have been using, along with articles I have found, I noticed that the filling of the Holy Spirit and the baptism of the Holy Spirit were sometimes used interchangeably. I thought this was very interesting. However, I think it may also be the source of confusing us as to exactly what is going on. For example, could we be saying “baptism” and in actuality mean “filling”? I pray the Lord will give us discernment and clarification.

Matthew 28:18-20--And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Luke 3:16--John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. This can also be found in Matthew 3:11 and Mark 1:8 and John 1:33.

John 3:5-8--Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Acts 1:3-5--To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 2:32-33--"This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

I Corinthians 12:13--For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

From Mark Carey's teaching....."It should be noted that the I Corinthians 12:13 passage is the only passage in the epistles where the "baptism of the Spirit" is found. Paul never mentions it when he writes on the spiritual life in other epistles."



Galatians 3:27--For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

NOTE the emphasis on the word "ALL" in both the Corinthians and Galatians verses. These books were written to churches/believers. Paul is making the case in both verses that ALL have been baptized already with the Spirit of Christ, which is the Holy Spirit.

This is also positional. We are being placed in the body of Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit at the time of our conversion. This what unites us as believers. We all have the same Spirit who lives in us.

Ephesians 4:1-6--Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Titus 3:5-7--He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

In your study questions there were three short explanations for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1-For some the idea of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is intimately connect to water baptism and initiation into God's family. Jesus' own baptism seems to set the pattern where water and the Spirit are both evident (Matt 3:11-17). Paul Speaks of this idea of being initiated into the church this way in First Corinthians 12:13.

2-For others, baptism of the Holy Spirit may be very distinct from water baptism. Here the emphasis is the infusion of power for ministry. The book

of Acts recounts many instances in which this infusion took place apart from water baptism. (Acts 2:4, 4:8)

3-Still others regard the Spirit's work as centering on identification with Christ. Paul understands baptism and the work of the Holy Spirit as connecting and conforming us to Christ's life by being baptized into or identified with His death. (Romans 6:3-4)

At this point I think we can answer a few questions:

1-Do I have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit? Answer: YES!

2-Do I have the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Answer: YES!

3-Do I have the filling of the Holy Spirit? Answer: It depends on the day!

We all know this subject can be controversial. If you remember at the very beginning of our study we talked about putting all of our preconceived ideas aside and allowing the Holy Spirit to be our divine teacher through the power and truth of God's Word.

I think this is a perfect time to allow that to happen. Have we answered everyone's questions or doubts about this subject? Likely not! And that's okay.

I believe our take away must be that we are all believers in Jesus Christ and because of that we are all part of the family of God. As such, we are the ones the Lord Jesus prayed for to have unity among ourselves. He also instructed the disciples and likewise us to love one another as He has loved us.

This is a good time to exhibit that unity and love! We are all in a different place in our walk with the Lord. God alone will bring us along in His own perfect timing. In the meantime, we must continue to be Bereans and open His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to be our Divine Teacher.

That is my prayer for each of us.

## **SO WHAT?**

I believe this to be a perfect ending to today's lesson.

All to Jesus I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender  
Humbly at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender  
Make me, Savior, wholly thine,  
Let me feel thy Holy Spirit  
Truly know that thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender  
Lord I give myself to thee  
Fill me with thy love and power  
Let thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to thee, my blessed Savior  
I SURRENDER ALL!

**II Corinthians 13:14---The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.**

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

# **HOLY SPIRIT REVEALED**

## **Exploring the Father's Promise to Believers**

### **LESSON EIGHT**

#### **THE INDWELLING, FILLING AND BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Before Jesus' ascension into heaven, He told His disciples to "wait for... The Holy Spirit". (Acts 1:4-5) This began the fulfillment of the promises regarding the Holy Spirit given by Jesus in the Gospel of John as we have studied previously.

From that time on, every believer in Jesus Christ has received the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit at the first moment of belief.

1--- In the following verses explain what we see the role of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26

Romans 8:16

Romans 8:9, 13-15

Ephesians 1:13-14

2---Read I Corinthians 6:15-20. We are told that our "body is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God and that you are not your own".

What do you see as the three major components of these verses?

3—"you are not your own" We are bought with a price of the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Think about how the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and being purchased are linked. How does this make you feel?

4---As His temple or where the Holy Spirit is taking up residence, how should we treat our bodies?

5--Again in this verse we see that the Holy Spirit is a gift from God. How important is it, do you think, that we understand the full impact of this gift? What other gift has God given to us as believers?

6---Ephesians 5:18-21 tells us to be "filled with the Holy Spirit". For what purpose is this filling according to this verse?

Unlike the "indwelling of the Holy Spirit", the filling of the Holy Spirit is NOT a one and done act.

Read the following verses: Romans 8:5-11, Eph 4:17-5:21

7---These verses talk about “being imitators of God” and “walking in the Spirit”. What does that look like in your life? Where are the areas that may need some improvement?

By now we likely all realize there are very different views on “the baptism of the Holy Spirit”. We of course do not desire to stir a pot in our study. We do however want to gain more understanding of what this really means according to what has been revealed in scripture.

Here are short explanations of this baptism:

---For some the idea of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is intimately connected to water baptism and initiation into God’s family. Jesus’ own baptism seems to set the pattern, where water and the Spirit are both evident (Matt 3:11-17). Paul speaks of this idea of being initiated into the church this way in I Corinthians 12:13.

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Consider where you might fit in the spectrum of beliefs. Pray over it please and ask the LORD to give you an understanding. Remember the Holy Spirit is our divine teacher. I believe the LORD wants us to have clarity. I

believe HE wants to reveal truth to us. I believe He wants to draw us into a closer relationship with Him through this process.

8---A good application question on this subject of “baptism of the Holy Spirit” is have you been able to recognize/identify the working of the Holy Spirit in your life? If so what does that look like?