

Message 3: The Infilling of the Holy Ghost

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Texts: Ephesians 5:18–19; Acts 4:31; John 7:37–39

*“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit**; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”* (Eph. 5:18–19, KJV)

*“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all **filled with the Holy Ghost**, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”* (Acts 4:31, KJV)

*“If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water**. But this spake he of the Spirit ...”* (John 7:37–39, KJV)

Introduction

Beloved, imagine a car filled with fuel on the day you bought it, but never refilled again. That car will eventually stop, no matter how beautiful or powerful it is. Likewise, baptism in the Spirit is the initial filling, but God calls us to **ongoing infilling**.

The Greek in Ephesians 5:18 literally means: “*Be being filled*.” In other words, keep on being filled. The Spirit is not a one-time experience; He is a daily necessity.

Myles Munroe once said: “*The greatest tragedy in life is not death, but life without purpose. And you cannot fulfill purpose without the Holy Spirit continually filling you.*”

1. The Infilling is a Command, Not an Option

- Paul doesn’t say “try” but “*be filled with the Spirit*” (Eph. 5:18).
 - Just as you wouldn’t ignore a command to pray or forgive, you can’t ignore this command.
 - Why? Because Christian life without continual filling becomes carnal, dry, and powerless.
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2. The Infilling is Continuous

- Acts 2:4 – they were filled at Pentecost.

- Acts 4:31 – they were filled again after prayer.
 - The Spirit’s filling is not a memory; it’s a **flow**.
 - Jesus said, “*Rivers of living water*” (John 7:38) - not a stagnant pool, but flowing rivers.
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3. The Infilling Produces Joy and Worship

- Eph. 5:19 – psalms, hymns, spiritual songs.
- Spirit-filled believers carry an atmosphere of praise, even in trials (Acts 16:25 - Paul and Silas singing in prison).
- The Spirit gives joy unspeakable (1 Pet. 1:8).

Application: A Spirit-filled Christian sings before breakthrough, not just after it.

4. The Infilling Produces Boldness

- Acts 4:31 – they prayed, were filled, and spoke with boldness.
- The Spirit transforms timid hearts into courageous witnesses.
- Timothy, once timid, was reminded: “*God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind*” (2 Tim. 1:7).

Story: D.L. Moody, after his Spirit-filling experience, preached the same sermons but with thousands now converted. The difference? The infilling.

5. The Infilling Produces Overflow

- John 7:38 - rivers flowing out of you.
 - Infilling is not just for your benefit, but so others can drink from your overflow.
 - Spirit-filled believers refresh marriages, churches, workplaces, and communities.
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6. The Infilling Requires Thirst and Surrender

- Jesus said, “*If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink*” (John 7:37).
 - Thirst + coming + drinking = filling.
 - God doesn’t fill the proud or self-sufficient; He fills the hungry and surrendered.
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Conclusion

Beloved, baptism introduces you to the Spirit, but infilling keeps you living in His power. The question today is not “*Did you receive the Holy Ghost in 1995?*” but “*Are you filled right now?*”

Without continual filling, our witness becomes weak, our prayers dry, our joy absent. But when filled, we live in joy, boldness, and overflow.

Seven Prayer Points

1. Lord, I obey Your command: Fill me with the Holy Spirit daily (Eph. 5:18)
 2. Holy Spirit, refresh me again and again (Acts 4:31)
 3. Let songs of praise and joy overflow in my life (Eph. 5:19)
 4. Give me boldness to speak and live for Christ (Acts 4:31)
 5. Make my life an overflow that refreshes others (John 7:38)
 6. Remove dryness and restore rivers of living water (Isa. 44:3)
 7. Keep me thirsty for more of You every day (Matt. 5:6)
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