

ADVOCATE

"ADVOCATE" WEEK 4 NOTES **OCTOBER 1**

KEY THOUGHTS

- With all the Holy Spirit does in us, there are few commands:
- 1 Thessalonians 5:6-19 – don't quench the Spirit
- Ephesians 5:18 – be filled with the Spirit – what does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?
- The following verses describe people who were filled with the Spirit:
 - Exodus 31:1 – Bezalel the craftsman
 - Micah 3:8 – the prophet Micah
 - Joel 2:28-29 – the prophecy on God's Spirit being poured out (this is different) across mankind
 - Luke 1:41ff – Elizabeth when Mary approached
 - Luke 1:67ff – Zechariah
 - Acts 2:4 – the filling of the apostles waiting at Pentecost
 - Acts 4:8 – Peter
 - Acts 4:31 – the apostles praying after Peter released
 - Acts 13:9-10 – Paul
 - Acts 13:50-52 – the disciples
 - Ephesians 5:18 – again the command – we are to DO THIS
- So what precisely IS the filling of the Spirit?
- 1. The filling of the Spirit is sometimes followed by physical effects. (speaking in tongues, joy, sense of peace, etc.)
- 2. The filling of the Spirit is sometimes followed by normal activity with greater Kingdom results. (Bezalel's craftsmanship, Mary's song, the testimony of the early believers speaking with boldness, etc.)
 - Cautions: Just because something "great" is happening doesn't mean it's Spirit-led, and just because something "great" is NOT happening doesn't mean it's not Spirit-led.
- 3. The filling of the Spirit is a saturation of Jesus in your life.
 - Much like a sponge is saturated with water, and that water comes out when it is squeezed.
- 4. The filling of the Spirit requires the emptying of something else.

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Practical & Reflection

- What am I saturated with? What "comes out" when I am bumped or squeezed?
- What am I filled with, myself or my Lord?