



## **Church DNA: A Filled Community**

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The DNA of the Church is that we are a committed community, and we are a filled community; a community filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

*“When they were together for the last time they asked, “Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?” He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.”*

Acts 1:6-8 (MSG)

*“Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.”*

Acts 2:1-4 (MSG)

**1. Why was it imperative that the early followers of Jesus receive the Holy Spirit?**

**2. Why is it still imperative that we receive/ are filled by the Holy Spirit?**

Spirit-filled living is the ability to live in holiness and perfect love.

Read Ezekiel 36:24-28 (Message).

**3. What does God do for us so that we can walk in holiness and perfect love?**

**4. How does being filled with God's Spirit help us walk in holiness and perfect love?**

Spirit-filled living is a radical cleansing of our hearts by God.  
Read Jeremiah 31:33 (Message).

**5. Have you experienced a radical cleansing of your heart?**

Spirit-filled living is found in a person - the Holy Spirit.  
Read Acts 1:7-8 (Message).

**6. How would you explain to someone who the Holy Spirit is?**

Spirit-filled living is our radical surrender to being transformed by the Holy Spirit. Read Romans 12:1-2 (Message).

**7. Have you experienced the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?**

Embracing the Holy Spirit's work in our life is not a one-and-done.  
We are to continue be, being filled.

**8. Do you need to be filled or refilled by the Holy Spirit?**

*"May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it!"*

1-Thessalonians 5:23 (Message).