

The Spirit Life Session 4 – Being Filled with the Spirit

I. Review/Previous Sessions

A. Session 1 – Another Comforter

Comforter – (Parakletos) – one called alongside to urge, beseech, coach, plead, pray, or train. Picture one who has come closely alongside of another for the sake of speaking to him, consoling him, coaching him, comforting him, or assisting him with instruction, counsel, or advice. *In ancient times used to depict military leaders who came alongside their troops to urge, exhort, plead with them to stand tall and face their battles bravely.*

B. Session 2 – Being Led by the Holy Spirit

1. **He will guide you**

Guide = to lead you in a clear path – to give you clear direction

2. **He will give you insight needed for every circumstance of life.**

C. Session 3 – The Indwelling Comforter

1. **As comforter, the Holy Spirit** One called alongside to URGE, BESEECH, COACH, PLEAD, PRAY OR TRAIN. Picture one who has come closely alongside of another person for the sake of speaking to him, consoling him, coaching him, comforting him, assisting him with INSTRUCTION, COUNSEL, or ADVICE.

2. **He is our personal life coach.**

II. Being Filled with the Spirit

A. The Pentecostal Distinctive

1. The main distinctive of the Pentecostal movement is the emphasis on receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking with tongues.
2. The Pentecostal Distinctive may also include the emphasis of the operation of the gifts of the Spirit.
 - a. Word of Wisdom
 - b. Word of Knowledge
 - c. Faith
 - d. Gifts of Healings
 - e. Miracles
 - f. Prophecy
 - g. Discerning of Spirits
 - h. Tongues
 - i. Interpretation of Tongues
3. Pastor's Personal Testimony regarding the Pentecostal Distinctive.
 - a. I was faithful with what I had received but convinced that there must be more. *These scriptures caught my attention.*

John 14:12 (NKJV) – *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*

Mark 9:23 (NKJV) – *Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.*

It also intrigued me that all ministry in the New Testament included the supernatural. (Jesus, His disciples, and the church)

- b. Hunger for more of God led me to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- c. The revelation that there is another experience beyond the salvation experience. QUESTION: *Could there be another experience with the Holy Spirit?*

- d. I believed in the Holy Spirit but thought I had received all that He was sent to do when I was born again.
- e. I failed to realize that there is another important experience with the Holy Spirit apart from the born-again experience.
- f. Revelation came to me by experience, by testimony and by the Word of God.

Acts 2:37-39 (NKJV) – ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

- g. How did this experience add to my spiritual life?
If this experience holds no value and adds nothing to my life, why should I seek to have it?

This Chart represents my spiritual experience prior to receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

My Salvation Experience Prior to 1984	
<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>
I was saved by Faith	I lacked power, strength & boldness
I loved the Lord	I lacked guidance and direction
I was committed to serving Him.	I lacked revelation/Understanding

After receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, these weaknesses were made strong.

B. Does the Bible teach the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as a separate experience from the New Birth? Yes.

- 1. **The Holy Spirit has more than one work.**
He is the agent by whom the new birth is accomplished.

He convicts the world of sin – John 16:8
He reveals Christ in the heart of people.
He appropriates the new birth.
He teaches believers.
He leads guides believers.
He calls believers into specific ministries.
He empowers believers for service, warfare, and victorious living.

2. The first transforming work of the Holy Spirit is to appropriate the New Birth Experience to us.

John 3:5 (NKJV) – *Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*

3. Once a person is born-again, they are qualified to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit (Baptism in the Holy Spirit)

a. The Holy Spirit has baptized believers into the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT) – *Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.*

Baptized here represents the change of position from lost to being entirely moved and placed into the Body of Christ.

b. Now that we are in Christ – He can baptize us in the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:11 (NKJV) – *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

c. The Disciples were born again prior to experiencing the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

John 20:22 (NKJV) – *And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”*

They had believed, confessed and received salvation.

- d. Although they had received the work of the Holy Spirit for the New Birth, Jesus still instructed them to go to the upper room to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:49 (NKJV) – *Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”*

Acts 1:1-8 (NKJV) – **Written by Luke** – ¹*The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ²until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ⁴And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

4. **Who was in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost?**

- a. One hundred and Twenty people – Acts 1:15
- b. Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomen, Matthew, James (The son of Alphaeus), Simon and Judas (The brother of James).
- c. All of these had already believed, Confessed and Received.
They were already born-again.
- d. With everything the Disciples had heard and experienced after spending three years with Jesus in the ministry...Even after

healing the sick and casting out devils...JESUS SAID THEY STILL NEEDED TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

5. It is possible to live as a born-again person – one who has truly been born again by the Spirit – and live your entire life never hearing and receiving the blessing of Acts 1:8. – *Such a life is a life void of the power made available to believers by the Holy Spirit.*

Note: This was me for the first 10 years of my salvation experience Born Again but void of understanding of what was available to me by being FILLED with the Holy Spirit.

6. **Scriptural Support for being filled following the New Birth.**

Acts 8:14-17 (NKJV) – ¹⁴Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:14-17 (NLT) – ¹⁴When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. ¹⁵As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- a. They had heard and accepted the gospel.
- b. They had believed and confessed.
- c. They had been baptized in water.
- d. THEY WERE SAVED – yet they had not received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

NOTE: KJV – They prayed for them that they MIGHT receive The Holy Spirit.

Might Receive = Take – to take upon oneself.

While the Holy Spirit is available to every believer, not everyone will receive – (take it to themselves).

Receive indicates a willful act.

7. Why such emphasis? Why do we need to experience the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?

A new believer is placed in the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. Now that believer needs to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, so he can be energized and supernaturally empowered to live the born-again life the way God wants it lived.

This experience truly is for as many as the Lord God shall call.
(Acts 2:39)