



overflow

Fill Me, Holy Spirit



Overflow

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Now this he said about Holy Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet [the] Holy Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John
7:37-39

Overflow

Holy Spirit, fill me to overflowing. You are the one who allows me to know Father and Son more and more intimately. You are necessary for the transformation of my character. And its only by being filled by you that I can live out the fullness of witness and ministry that you've called me to.

So fill me to overflowing!

#OverflowMe

An aerial photograph of a waterfall cascading over a dark, rocky cliff. The water is white and frothy as it falls into a pool of water below. The surrounding landscape is lush and green, with some rocky outcrops. The overall scene is serene and natural.

why overflow is so important

Acts 8

⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷ For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

⁹ Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great,¹⁰ and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed,

Acts 8

“This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.” ¹¹ They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. ¹² But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.

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¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received Holy Spirit.

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In the OT, the laying on of hands is an official priestly duty

In the Gospels, Jesus does it for healing

In Acts and the Epistles, its used for the giving and receiving of Holy Spirit, imparting gifts of the Spirit and for commissioning

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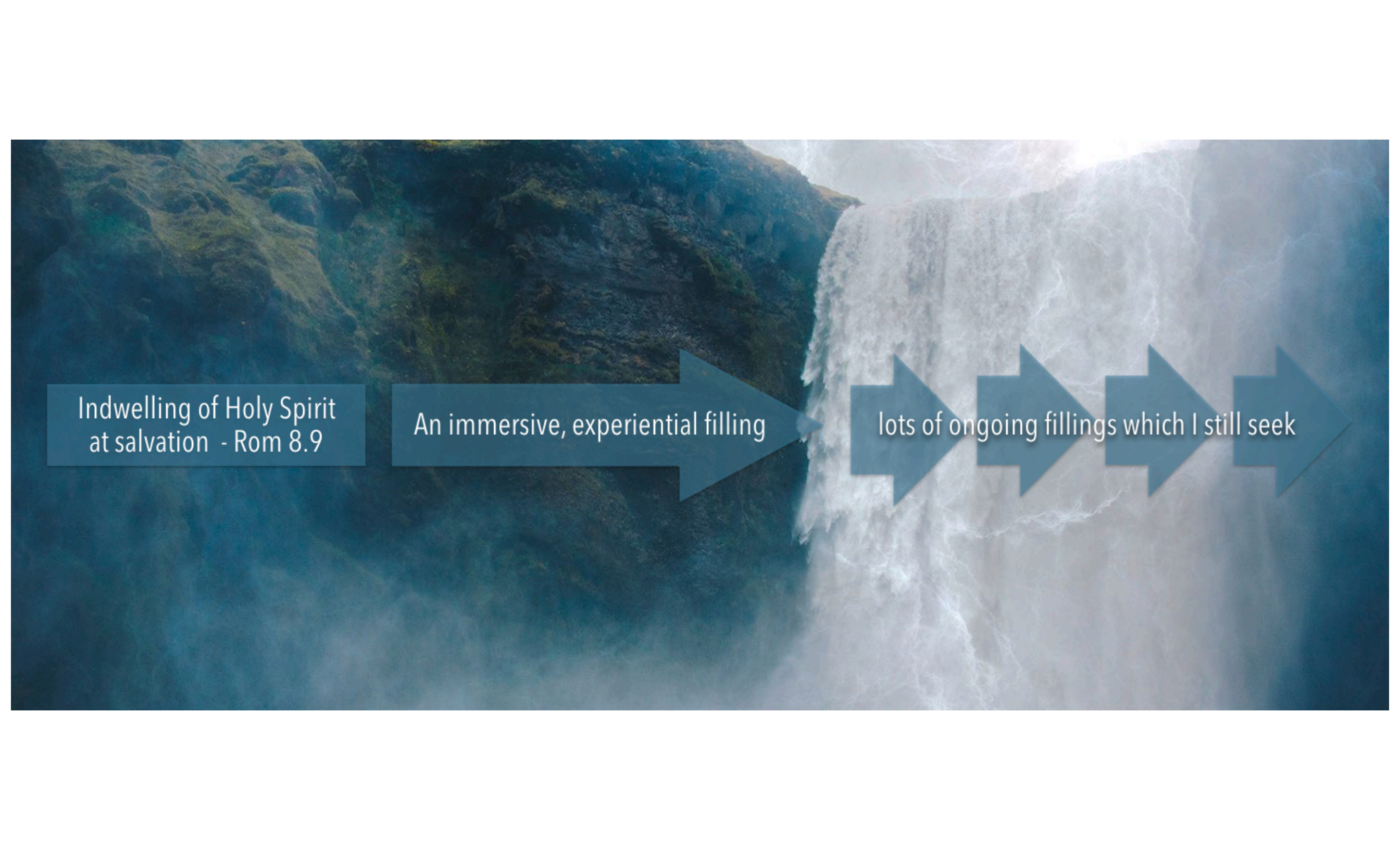
¹⁸ When Simon saw that Holy Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money ¹⁹ and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive Holy Spirit."

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The reception of Holy Spirit is observable



Indwelling of Holy Spirit
at salvation - Rom 8.9

An immersive, experiential filling

lots of ongoing fillings which I still seek

Acts 19

¹ While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, "Did you receive Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

³ So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"

"John's baptism," they replied.

⁴ Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

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Paul assumes they would be able to answer this question

Paul expects that there is an experiential, observable manner in which they could answer this question

#HolySpiritSeen

How the reception of Holy Spirit is described in Acts

- Receiving Holy Spirit is **given as a gift** – 2:38,5:32, 8:18; 8:20, 10:45, 11:17; 15:8
- Holy Spirit **falls on** people – 8:16; 10:44; 11:15
- Holy Spirit **comes upon** people – 1:8; 19:6;
- Holy Spirit is **poured out on** people – 2:17f.; 10:45;
- People **receive** Holy Spirit – 2:38; 8:15,17; 10:47
- People are **baptized in** Holy Spirit – 1:5; 11:16
- People are **filled with** Holy Spirit – 2:4; 9:17

#HolySpiritSeen #notActsoftheApostles #ActsofHolySpirit

What happens when this happens?

- Tongues and worship - Acts 1.8, 2.4-11; 10:46
- Tongues and prophesying - 19.6
- Extraordinary boldness and empowering to witness - 9.18, 22
- Obedience - Acts 5.32
- Miracles, signs and wonders - Acts 6.8, 13.9-11
- There is no promise that when we are filled with Holy Spirit, we will speak in tongues, but there is the promise of power to evangelize the world - Acts 1.8

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Did you receive Holy Spirit when you believed?

Yes

Praise God that
this has
happened

Ask Him to Re-
Fill You!

I'm not sure

Maybe you haven't
believed - start today!

Maybe you haven't
learned to recognize
His presence that's
already working in
your life

Maybe there's been a
delay or blockage in
your receiving of
Holy Spirit's power,
grace and courage