

To Be, Rather than to Seem

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted^[a] by the devil. – Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. **Luke 4:1,14**

1. Jesus Christ is ...

- eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
- In His incarnation, He united to His divine nature a true human nature and so continues to be both God and man, in two distinct natures and one person, forever.
- He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and fulfilled the requirements of the law by His sinless life.
- He suffered under Pontius Pilate, poured out His blood as a vicarious and propitiatory atonement for sin in satisfaction of the divine justice, and on the third day, was raised from the dead in the same body, now glorified.
- He ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, interceding in Glory for His redeemed.

The Jesus Precedence

2. Three Key Word

Jesus was -

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| a) ... _____ of the Holy Spirit | (Lk 4:1, Eph 5:18) |
| b) ... _____ by the Holy Spirit | (Lk4:1, Rom 8:14) |
| c) ... _____ by the Holy Spirit | (Lk 4:14, Acts 1:8) |
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3. Important Steps Toward Fullness

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| a) Jesus _____ Himself. | (Matthew 3:13-15) |
| b) Jesus _____. | (Matthew 4:1-11) |
| c) Jesus was _____. | (Hebrews 4:14-16) |
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Today's Bottom Line

The Lord Jesus Christ baptizes regenerated believers in the Holy Spirit. (Rom 8:9) **The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an empowering work of the Spirit (Acts 1:8), which is distinct from the regenerating work of the Spirit, which is offered to every Christian. (Acts 19:2-4)**

The Spirit-Filled Life Pt 1.

At Manna Church, We believe...

...the Bible teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ baptizes **regenerated believers** in the Holy Spirit. (John 15:26)

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an empowering work of the Spirit, which is distinct from the regenerating work of the Spirit, which is offered to every Christian.

Reflect and Respond

1. The Spirit-filled life is for EVERY believer. Satan (your enemy) will do all he can to divert your attention and stifle your faith in this area BECAUSE a Spirit-Filled believer is a victorious believer.
 2. Have you received the infilling of the Spirit? If so, discuss what that experience was like. If not, What do you think is standing in your way?
 3. We would love to walk with you on this part of your spiritual journey. Please reach out to me at tom.johnson@manna.church.
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Prayer *(Personalize this prayer)*

"Heavenly Father, I want to thank you for saving ME. Now I ask you to open my eyes to see your truth and my heart to receive. Lord, I need faith to believe and courage to submit to that which I cannot fully understand but can know that I need YOU."

"Holy Spirit, Breathe of God; I know how much I need YOU in my Life. I invite you to come and fill me to overflowing. I need YOU to understand and Live out God's Word and Plan for my life. I need YOU to fully experience what Jesus called "abundant life." This is not a selfish prayer; it's a prayer of surrender and confession of expectation."

"Here I am, Lord, FILL ME!"