

Full Of The Spirit

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I. Introduction

A. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity and a relationship with Him is a vital part of the Christian life.

B. The Holy Spirit desires to live in us, with us and through us.

C. The Gospel of Luke is Volume 1. The Book of Acts is Volume 2.

Luke 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

II. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Luke 3:16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Acts 1:4-5 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

A. Jesus baptizes the believer with the Holy Spirit.

1. The believer receives the Holy Spirit at salvation.

John 20:22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

2. Jesus promised to immerse the believer with the Holy Spirit.

B. The Holy Spirit fills believers to experience His presence and fulfill His plan.

1. The infilling of the Holy Spirit allows God's presence to overflow in our lives.
2. Life leaks.
3. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is an ongoing and repeated experience.

Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

C. The Holy Spirit should have a powerful, ongoing influence in our lives.

III. What is a Spirit Filled Life?

1. The Spirit Filled Life Is Purposeful.

Luke 4:1-2 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

A. The leading of the Spirit directs us to God's purpose.

1. God's purpose leads us to action.
2. Purpose often leads to change.
3. Purpose often leads to struggle.
 - God allows life's struggles to lead us to His purpose.
4. God's purpose leads us to joy.

Luke 10:21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

B. The Spirit leads us from law to life.

- i. 1. We lose our joy when we are lead by ourselves instead of lead by the Spirit.

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

2. The Spirit filled disciple should be marked by joy.
3. Joy is a fruit that grows by the Spirit.

2. The Spirit Filled Life Is Powerful.

Luke 4:14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

A. Creative Power

Luke 1:35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

- The Spirit brings the breath of life to the believer.

B. Prophetic Power

1. Prophecy may be foretelling but is always forth-telling.

Luke 12:11-12 "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

2. The Spirit brings prophetic insight to the life of the believer.

C. Anointed Power

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

- The Spirit anoints the believer to fulfill God's plan for their life.

D. Miraculous Power

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

1. Luke's Gospel reveals the Holy Spirit's power at work in the Life of Jesus.

John 14:12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

2. The believer is commissioned to experience the Spirit's power at work in their life.

E. Personal Power

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

1. After Pentecost, believers experienced the power of the Holy Spirit at work in a personal way.

Luke 11:9-13 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

- If we believe that God is good, then the Holy Spirit at work in our lives is a good thing!

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2. The believer may be physically empty and spiritually full at the same time.
 - When we strive to fill our flesh, we end up starving our spirit.
3. You will never be full of the Spirit if you are putting other things in His place.

Luke 24:39 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

- Prayerful expectation leads to purposeful and powerful experience.