

**LIVING
THE SPIRIT
FILLED LIFE**



God's Personal Presence



“The Spirit is never defined or systematized into doctrinal statements, but is recorded as the experience of the immanence of God in the lives of individuals. The Old Testament often speaks of the presence or felt activity of God in anthropomorphic terms: God's arm, hand, finger, face, glory, name, etc., drawing from human experience to symbolize the extension of His being, His felt presence, power, and action. In the same way, to speak of the Spirit of God is to speak of God's action among us, with us, and for us. The Spirit of God is His specific and particular making of Himself present.”

-Simon Ponsonby, *More*

**The Spirit is how the
biblical authors talk about
God's Personal Presence.**



GENESIS 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

PSALM 104:30 NIV

When you send your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

PSALM 104:30 CSB

When you send your breath, they are created,
and you renew the surface of the ground.

EXODUS 31:1-6

Then the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you:”

EXODUS 35:30-35

Then Moses said to the Israelites, “See, the Lord has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers—all of them skilled workers and designers.

EZEKIEL 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.



**The Spirit is God's
Personal Presence.**

God's Spirit which is His personal presence is what created the world.

The world was created for one thing. For God to be with us.

(Genesis 1:2)

God's Spirit which is His personal presence is what empowered His people to create the tabernacle.

The tabernacle was created for one thing. For God to be with His people.

(Exodus 31:1-6 & 35:30-35)

God's Spirit which is His personal presence now dwells in us and moves us to obey Him.

Believers in Jesus is where God now dwells. God's personal presence is with us.

(Ezekiel 36:25-27)







“When I arrived, I saw hundreds of students singing quietly. They were praising and praying earnestly for themselves and their neighbors and our world-expressing repentance and contrition for sin and interceding for healing, wholeness, peace and justice.”

— Tom McCall

“Waves of prayer, worship, and gut-wrenching public confession. It was a significant and spontaneous move of the Spirit.”

— @AustinWofford

“Some were reading and reciting scripture. Others were standing with arms raised. Several were clustered in small groups praying together. A few were kneeling at the altar rail in the front. Some were lying prostrate, while others were talking to one another, their faces bright with joy.”

— Tom McCall

“By Thursday evening, there was standing room only. Students had begun to arrive from other universities: the University of Kentucky, the University of the Cumberlands, Purdue University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Ohio Christian University, Transylvania University, Midway University, Lee University, Georgetown College, Mt. Vernon Nazarene University, and many others.”

— Tom McCall

The Bible always points us to God, but the Bible can't fully contain all of God.

**Are we ok calling a simple,
yet faithful, obedient life,
“The Spirit Filled Life?”**

**Living The Spirit Filled Life.
Not A Spirit Filled Moment.**



ACTIONS STEPS

- 1. Have formational practices in your life**
- 2. Get around others who are passionate and desire to grow in the Spirit**
- 3. Acknowledge and give recognition to God's Spirit working in your life**

PRAYER

- 1. To have responsive hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us so we can live a faithful obedient life towards Jesus**
- 2. Ask God to move in miraculous signs and wonders**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your first thought when you hear things like “Spirit Filled Life,” “The Spirit is/was moving,” “God's Spirit is working?”
2. What are some “boxes” or what expectations have you had about who the Holy Spirit is and how the Holy Spirit works?
3. How has the Holy Spirit been working in your life?

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