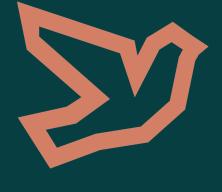
LIVING THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE



Life in the Spirit: Outpourings, Fillings, and Manifestations



ACTS 17:7 NLT

They are all guilty of treason against Caesar, for they profess allegiance to another king, named Jesus.

Discipleship is a spiritual battle of allegiance.

ACTS 17:6,7

But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.

"When the high point of Christian celebration is the fact that we have done something that is humanly possible, something that we can do without God, no matter how noble it is, then we are at a real low point in Christian manifestation and demonstration. Our assignment is to invade the impossible those things that cannot be accomplished without God."

"Untrue story, rumor, imaginary or fictitious object or individual."

When we believe in something, but it's not central to my narrative, it just becomes reduced to religious folklore.

Many of us have settled to place the mystery of the Spirit into the realm of folklore instead of inviting Him into an encore.

I desire Holy Spirit encore over Holy Spirit folklore.

ACTS 2:17

In the last days, God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people."

EPHESIANS 1:23 MSG

At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

When God pours His Spirit out some will panic and think, "I don't want to drown!"

Others will praise and think, "I can't wait to drink!"

Some will reach for a straw while others will reach for a life jacket.

God won't drown you with what He wants you to drink from.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

Pneumatikos (pneuma): "Wind or breath, things of the Spirit."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Gifts (charisma): "The Supernatural Abilities of Jesus."

Service (diakonia): "The Supernatural Humility of Jesus."

Working (energema): "The Supernatural Power of Jesus."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Manifestation (phanerósis): "To breakthrough and make seen."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11 NLT

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11 NLT

...He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

The manifestation of the Spirit is when the abilities and attributes of Jesus are supernaturally revealed and released through believers for the good of others.

List of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

1 Corinthians
12:28

Ephesians 4:11

Romans 1 Peter 12:6-8 4:7-11

Wisdom Knowledge Faith Healing Prophecy Discernment Tongues Interpretation

Miracles

Apostles
Prophets
Teachers
Miracles
Healing
Administration
Tongues

Apostles
Prophets
Evangelists
Pastor
Teacher

Prophets
Serving
Teaching
Encouragement

Hospitality
Speaking
Serving

ROMANS 1:11-12

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

Encourage (parakaleo): "One who comes along side to support and build up."

EPHESIANS 5:18

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

EPHESIANS 5:18 ISV

Stop getting drunk with wine, which leads to wild living, but keep on being filled with the Spirit.

Being filled with the Spirit is a moment-by-moment surrender to the prompting, presence, power, and persuasion of the Spirit. Which leads to deep pleasure, peace, perspective and possibilities in the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 5:15-18

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit

Our culture has been experiencing a "happy" hangover when we need a joy filling.

Chara: "To rejoice and be glad or grateful."

Joy is the deep-down sense of well-being and delight that abides in the heart of the person who knows all is well between himself and the Lord.

PSALM 4:7

You O Lord have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

ACTS 13:52

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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

ROMANS 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:6

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

The world is under your feet, not on your shoulders.

Being Spirit-filled doesn't mean I get more of the Holy Spirit, it means I become awakened to what I have through the Spirit.

Being Spirit-filled doesn't mean I get more of the Holy Spirit, It means the Holy Spirit gets more of me.

Presence (Word/Worship/Prayer)

Pace (Obedience)

5 Ways To Be Continually Filled With The Spirit

Passion (Hunger)

People (Community)

Posture (Humility)

"God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves."

— DL Moody

There are two ways to deal with hunger; satisfy it or suppress it.

Appetite suppressants work by tricking your brain into believing that you are not hungry and that your stomach is full.

"If we don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because we have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Our soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great."

The Urgency for Reconciliation: We are in a time of Harvest

The Urgency for Revival: We are in a time of Outpouring

The Urgency for Resilience: We are in a time of Renewal

6 Prayers for Personal Revival:

- 1. Lord, open my eyes to your goodness. Overwhelm me by your extravagant love.
- 2. Lord, refresh me from the familiar and religious. Arouse my senses to your fresh outpouring.
- 3. Lord, shake me and away me to your truth and purity.
- 4. Lord, purge me of my pride and pulverize my ego.
- 5. Lord, detour my distractions into desperation for you.
- 6. Lord, melt my heart and empty me out to the broken and lost.

Holy Spirit, we say yes to your outpouring. Father, give us a revived hunger and thirst for your presence. Make us to be a part of that bright, bold, prophetic, Christ-exalting, risktaking, end-time band of disciples taking the clear and glorious message of Jesus everywhere, no matter what.

ASK if it's okay to touch them on their shoulder if you're both standing, or maybe the top of their head if they're on their knees.

INVITE-PRAY "Holy Spirit come, fill them anew, fill them to overflowing, fill them to the fullness of Your presence!" OR "Holy Spirit, I stand in agreement with whatever you are doing in your child!" Feel free to add anything else Holy Spirit may give you in the moment.

PAY ATTENTION to yourself and the other person to know when to be done. Feeling a sense of peace is a good indication. Or when you're done praying the above prayer, stay for an additional moment in agreement with what Holy Spirit is doing, then quietly walk away.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What aspects of the Holy Spirit seem like a mystery to you?
- 2. Is there a gift of the Spirit that resonates with you?
- 3. What does supernatural joy mean for you?

- 4. Which of the 5 ways we can practice being filled with the Spirit is your challenge?
- 5. In what ways can you be intentional to be continually filled with the Spirit?

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