



DISCIPLESHIP MATERIAL

Lesson Number: Five

Theme: Holy Spirit Infilling

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Introduction

There are 3 main Holy Spirit experiences that every believer must have. They are;

1. Holy Spirit Baptism
2. Holy Spirit Infilling, and,
3. Holy Spirit Indwelling

Today we will be looking at what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Difference between the Indwelling and the Infilling of the Holy Spirit

The question arises, "Doesn't every Christian already have the Holy Spirit? If so, why is there a need to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?" The answer is that the indwelling of the Spirit is not the same as the infilling of the Spirit.

The indwelling of the Spirit is given by the Father to every person who repents and believes in Jesus Christ (Romans 8:16; 2 Corinthians 1:22). This is the new birth, which Christians depict through water baptism. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27).

What is in-filling of the Holy Spirit?

The infilling of the Holy Spirit, is a gift offered to the children of God and is the "power from on high" (Luke 24:49) which Jesus promised to His disciples. Also called the baptism in the Holy Spirit, the infilling is received through faith and prayer and may be accompanied by the laying on of hands.

Jesus expressly speaks of the Spirit Within and the Spirit Upon in John 14:16-17.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever (Indwelling of the Holy Spirit); Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for He dwelleth with you (Infilling of the Holy Spirit), and shall be in you. (Indwelling of the Holy Spirit).

Results of receiving the infilling include power to overcome sin, boldness to witness, divine comfort, sweet fellowship with Him, and a fuller manifestation of spiritual gifts. The indwelling and the infilling are distinctly different. Just as the indwelling Spirit reproduces the life of Jesus in the heart of a believer unto salvation, so the infilling or outpoured Spirit reproduces the ministry of Jesus with power and boldness. The Holy Spirit is the living water in which believers are baptized (1 Corinthians 12:13) and the heavenly drink which Jesus offers (John 4:10).

Pre-Pentecost examples of the In-Filling of the Holy Spirit.

1. John the Baptist (Luke 1:15)
2. Elisabeth (Luke 1:41)
3. Zachariah (Luke 1:67).
4. Jesus Christ (Luke 4:1)

Post-Pentecost examples

1. The 120 in the Upper Room (Acts 2:4).
2. Simon Peter (Acts 4:8).
3. The apostles and the church (Acts 4:31).
4. Stephen (Acts 6:5, 7:55).
5. Paul (Acts 9:17; 13:9).
6. The disciples in Asia Minor (Acts 13:52).
7. Barnabas (Acts 11:24).

How can you be filled with the Holy Spirit?

1. John 3:3, Luke 24:49, John 20:22

2. Acts 15:8

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3. Matthew 5:6, Luke 11:13, John 15:26
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Could you be filled with the Holy Spirit more than once / Is being filled with the Holy Spirit a one time event??

1. Ephesians 5:18, Acts 2:4 Acts 4:8, 31;
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Hindrances to being filled with the Holy Spirit

Using the following references as your guide, mention some of the things that hinder us from being filled with the Holy Spirit;

1. Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17
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2. Acts 8:14-25
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3. Proverbs 9:10; Isaiah 26:3; Hebrews 4:16; 2 Timothy 1:7
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What is the purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit?

Using the following references as your guide, mention the purpose of the Holy Spirit Infilling;

1. Galatians 5:16; Revelation 12:11
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2. Acts 1:8; Acts 4:8-14

3. 1 John 2:27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13

4. 1 Peter 1:7; 4:12

5. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

6. Romans 8:26-27

Evidence of the Filling of the Holy Spirit?

The most common evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit is the expression of speaking in unknown tongues. There are other biblical examples that indicate in addition to tongues, evidences of being filled with the Spirit. These include;

1. Luke 1:67; Acts 19:6

2. Acts 4:31

3. Acts 5:15-16

4. Ephesians 5:19

5. Acts 6:3

6. Acts 6:8

7. Acts 13:52; Isaiah 61:1-3

Student Response

1. Are you filled with the Spirit?
2. Is there a gift of the Spirit operating in your life? Are you nurturing that gift?

Prayer

Pray that the LORD may continually fill you with the fullness of the His Spirit.