

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Joseph (rejected by family)

- The power to govern a nation - Gen 41:38 NIV one in whom is the spirit of God?"

Bezalel and Oholiab (unknown men)

- The power to work in their crafts - Exo 35:30-33 NIV ... Bezalel ...and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills-- 32 to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, 33 to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts.

Joshua (a servant of Moses)

- The power to be a military leader - Num 27:18 a man in whom is the spirit

Gideon (a man with fear and lacking confidence)

- The power to lead Israel to a miraculous victory - Jdg 6:34 Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Gideon

Samson (a man who was morally weak)

- The power to be a judge and deliverer of God's people - Jdg 14:6 The Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands

Saul (a man who failed as king)

- 1Sa 10:6 The Spirit of the LORD will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.

David (the youngest of brothers)

- The power to be king - 1Sa 16:13 from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David

Barnabas (an encourager)

- The power to preach the good news - Act 11:24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

APPLICATION

1. The Spirit is involved in ways you may not have imagined
2. Look at the people he filled - it is not about us but about HIS work done through us
3. Evaluate your life differently - maybe the Holy Spirit is involved and you are unaware

Definitions: FILL - The word “fill” in Strong’s G4130 (literally or figuratively [imbue, supply, influence]);

Imbue

To imbue or saturate like a sponge FILLED with vinegar

- Mat 27:48 KJV And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

Supply

To supply like a boat FILLED with fish

Luk 5:5-7 KJV ... And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

Influence

Under the influence (i.e when someone is FILLED with wrath for example)

Luk 4:28-30 KJV And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. 30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way

- **Filled with fear or awe** - lame man picked up his bed and walked
 - Luk 5:24-26
- **Filled with madness** - man’s hand healed - how can we kill Jesus
 - Luk 6:10-11
- **Filled with wonder** - healing at the gate beautiful - many believed
 - Act 3:10
- **Filled with indignation** - as the apostles preached the word - put in prison
 - Act 5:17
- **Filled with envy** - as Paul was preaching the gospel - contradicted - blasphemed
 - Act 13:45
- **Filled with confusion**
 - Act 19:29
- **Be not drunk with wine - be filled with (under the influence of) the Holy Spirit**
 - Eph 5:18

When a person is filled with (anger, envy, wonder etc) there is a certain way that emotion influences their action...the same is true of those filled with the Spirit - we would expect that when we are filled with the Spirit - that filling will influence us in some way.

The Initial Filling - A Priority

There is an initial "filling of the Holy Spirit" called the Baptism in the Holy Spirit - to baptize is to dip, or immerse (similar to the sponge)

Note the **Priority** / Urgency of Christ

- Acts 1:4-5 NIV 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. (5) For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."
- Acts 2:1-4 NIV When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (2) Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3) They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. (4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

There was a continued sense of **priority** about this initial filling

- Act 19:1-6 NIV While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. **There he found some disciples** 2 and asked them, "**Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?**" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Priority continues (first things first)

- Act 8:12-17 KJV But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. 14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 **Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:** 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

APPLICATION

1. Have we lost the priority of this initial filling of The Spirit?

A Descriptive Characteristic - A Surrender

These are people described as being “full of the Holy Spirit” -

- seems like more of a description of the persons character

Stephen

- Act 6:3 NIV ...choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them
- Act 6:5 NIV ...They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit;

Barnabas

- Act 11:24 NIV He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

APPLICATION

1. If someone were asked to put together a short list of men or women who are full of the Holy Spirit, would my name be on it?
2. This may be more about surrender - that the fruit of the spirit can grow
3. May be about surrender, If we Live by the Spirit - Walk by the Spirit

A Subsequent Filling for a Specific Place and Time

- Act 4:29-31 NIV Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Are we far enough out there on the edge to see Subsequent Fillings

- They were preaching the kingdom and received opposition
- How did they respond to opposition? - they came to the LORD in prayer
- How did they face their weakness or fear? - prayer to grant boldness
- Asked the LORD to continue to do HIS miraculous work
- They were FILLED and spoke with BOLDNESS and spoke the Word of God boldly

Peter

Initial filling:

- Acts 2:4... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Subsequent filling:

- Acts 4:8 Peter filled with the Holy Spirit said...(when being questioned about the man at the

gate beautiful who was healed

This is also “similar” to what Jesus said - there are times we cannot PLAN for - but the Spirit will supply what is needed at the moment

- Luk 12:11-12 NIV "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."
- **Maybe we aren't living on the edge enough to experience this filling**

Paul

Initial Filling

- Act 9:17 NIV ... "Brother Saul, the Lord--Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here--has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Subsequent Fillings

- Act 13:9-10 NIV Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 10 "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right!

CALL TO ACTION:

1. Recognize and acknowledge the role the Holy Spirit is already playing in your life...maybe in areas you have not recognized as HIS involvement
2. Have you received the initial filling - the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? May God grant you the sense of priority and urgency that Christ and the early church had for this
3. Are you allowing the Holy Spirit greater access and control of your life - would your name come up if a group was asked to choose someone who is “Full of the Holy Ghost”
4. Are you in a place where you are walking by the Spirit - influenced by him? - Hearing His voice - and allowing his involvement in your life? The fruit of the spirit? Are we pushing to the edge? Are we pushing the envelop of our fears, or letting them rule our life...are we attempting those things that REQUIRE the spirit's help? (like stepping out on water?)