

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit Part 07

Brief Description of the Holy Spirit Work in the Life of the Believer

The presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer start by convicting the person and leading him to repentance as what Jesus said, ***“8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:” (John 16:8 KJV)*** Once the person repent and receive Christ as Savior and Lord over his life then he will be sealed with the Holy Spirit as we read in ***Ephesians 1:13-14, “13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”*** This seal of the Holy Spirit is given to all those who are in Christ Jesus.

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ after His death and His resurrection from death He went and met His disciples, and gave them the seal of the Holy Spirit as we read in ***John 20:21-22, “21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:”*** At that setup what the Lord had given them was the seal of the Holy Spirit. Only at that time that was possible for the Holy Spirit to dwell in them because Jesus had already paid the full prize for man’s sin by His death on the cross. It was not possible for the disciples to receive the seal of the Holy Spirit before Jesus’ death and resurrection because man cannot reach God without Jesus being paid the full prize on the cross for the sins of the whole world.

Once a person repents and receives Christ as Savior and Lord over His life, then he is part of the body of Christ as we read in ***1 Corinthians 12:12-13, “12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”***

Here is speaking about baptism not with water or Holy Spirit baptism, but the baptism here is to be part of the body of Christ. And Paul mentioned here that we were all given the one spirit to drink; that the same of what is called in ***Ephesians 1:13*** the seal of the Holy Spirit.

To be sealed with the Holy Spirit at the time of believing and receiving Christ we can symbolize that with the following: If for example we consider the believer is a cup and the Holy Spirit is water, then to be sealed with the Holy Spirit is like to put little of water in a cup. It is like just to smear the cup with water.

When a person believes in Christ then the Holy Spirit become inside him and that what the Lord said to His disciples that the Holy Spirit will be in them, as we read in ***John 14:15-17, “15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 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, and shall be in you.”*** So here the Holy Spirit is not only with the disciples but is living inside the disciples.

Therefore as we receive the seal of the Holy Spirit this will work in our lives and as we cooperate with Him and submit our lives unto Him, the Holy Spirit will change our characters

and attitudes and we will develop the fruit of the Holy Spirit that give us the same character and personality of Jesus. **You ought to cooperate with the Holy Spirit so you can reproduce the fruit of the Holy Spirit that will reflect the character and personality of Jesus.**

The following are the fruit of the Holy Spirit that will appear in our lives as we can read in the following Scriptures:

I. Galatians 5:22-23, “22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

II. Philippians 1:11, “11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.”

*** As you receive the seal of the Holy Spirit after you believe in Christ then it is your responsibility to cooperate and respond to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. If you cooperate and submit yourself to His work then the process of the sanctification will start to appear in your life; you will endeavor to live in holiness and in the fear of the Lord. * And as you respond to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and start to obey His Word and commands then you will start to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, ***“21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.” (Isaiah 30:21 KJV)*** * You will find yourself easily led by the Holy Spirit to take the right step and to reach the right decision because we had received the Spirit of adoption, and with the same spirit we are able to pray and cry out to God, as the Word of God declares, ***“14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” (Romans 8:14-17 KJV)*****

After being sealed with the Holy Spirit and start cooperate and respond submissively to the Holy Spirit and get sanctified, led by the spirit and having the mind of Spirit and developed the fruit of the Holy Spirit, we can symbolize that with the following: If for example we consider the believer is a cup and the Holy Spirit is water, then the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer at this stage is like to be a considerable amount of water in a cup that you can have a drink.

But if the believer fails to respond to the seal of the Holy Spirit that he received from God and His work in him, then that will result in no growth in his life. The believer will be dry and even spiritually dead. Some of the following can also be applied and described that spiritual condition:

1. Grieve the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit can be grieved by sin and the works of the flesh in your life as we can read in ***“29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:.” (Ephesians 4:29-31 KJV)*** **Therefore get rid of all the works of**

the flesh in your life and cleanse your heart from all evil things so you will not grieve the Holy Spirit.

2. Envied the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit can be envied by worldliness and in loving the world, *“4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?” (James 4:4-5 KJV)* Therefore get rid of all the worldly things that you love and honor more than God so you will not cause the Holy Spirit to be envied.

3. Lie to the Holy Spirit: We meet this term, *“lie to the Holy Spirit”*, when Peter confronted Ananias and his wife Sapphira when they kept part of the money for them and brought the rest to Peter as we can read in Acts 5:1-4, *“1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”* When you lie to the pastor or the leader of the church who cares for you, you are lying to the Holy Spirit. Never tells lies, train yourself that you will always tell the truth.

4. Despite or insult the Holy Spirit: You insult the Holy Spirit when you sin deliberately against God and His Word, and trampled on Jesus as we can read in Hebrews 10:26-31, *“26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”* Repent of your sin and stop despising and insulting the Holy Spirit, fear God, and amend your ways and start to live a life that prove you are faithful to God.

If the Believer prove to be faithful to the Lord and to the seal of the Holy Spirit that he received upon his conversion by reproducing the fruit of the Holy Spirit and got sanctified then he is qualified to receive more blessings of God and that blessing is what is called according to the Bible the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Therefore from now start to cooperate with the seal of Holy Spirit, repent and cleanse yourself from sins, endeavor to reproduce the fruit of the Holy Spirit so you will be ready to be filled and baptized with the Holy Spirit.

In the book of Acts when Jesus met his disciples after His resurrection He promised them the baptism of the Holy Spirit: *“4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”* (Acts 1:4-5 KJV) The term baptized with the

Holy Spirit is the same of to be filled with the Holy Spirit; in such a situation you will be filled with and immersed in the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is overflowing from you.

To be baptized with the Holy Spirit we can symbolize that with the following: If for example we consider the believer is a cup and the Holy Spirit is water, then the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer at this stage is like to fill the cup with water and allow the water to overflow out of the cup and spread to the surroundings.

The value of the baptism with the Holy Spirit to the believer is as the following:

A. To receive Power: As Jesus said to His disciples, *“8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”* (Acts 1:8 KJV) The Holy Spirit is God and to be filled with The Holy Spirit means God is in you and you have the power of God to do the works of God. The disciples before they were baptized with the Holy Spirit truly they were living in obedience to God and to the Scripture, but they could not face the world and the persecution that was raging against them. They were hiding and secluded in closed doors because they didn't yet have the power to face that. Those who are living in full obedience, we call them fully committed to the Lord, but still they need to be baptized with the Holy Spirit to have the power of God in their lives and be enabled to do His will and works. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is the answer for our questions, the solution for our problems and the provision for our needs.

B. To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit: The baptism of the Holy Spirit will enable you to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are the following: Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, divers kinds of tongues: interpretation of tongues, gifts of helps, gifts of governments, ministry, teaching, exhorting, giving, ruling, showing mercy, apostles, evangelist, and pastors, and you can read about these gifts in *1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 28-30, Romans 12:3-8* and *Ephesians 4:11*. Jesus said to His disciples in *John 14:12*, *“12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”* You will be able to do the same works of Jesus when you will receive the baptism of The Holy Spirit. So no more you are working but God is working through you.

Therefore you need to endeavor to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and live a life of obedience because God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him, *“32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”* (Acts 5:32 KJV) Earnestly plead and ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit, *“13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”* (Luke 11:13 KJV)

At the day of Pentecost when the disciples received the Holy Spirit baptism they were so powerful and dynamics and they were able to go out with a big thrust to the society around them and combat them with the gospel of Christ, with a convincing message, with miracles, signs and wonders, done all by the Holy Spirit whom they were filled with.

The Bible stated the following about the miraculous signs that the Lord was doing through the apostles who were filled with The Holy Spirit, *“12 And by the hands of the apostles were*

many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. 13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) 15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. 16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.” (Acts 5:12-16 KJV) The people “brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.” It is not the shadow of Peter that had brought the healing, but the overflowing of the Holy Spirit in his life that came upon Peter after his Holy Spirit baptism, was the one who brought the healing to the people.

You can receive your Holy Spirit baptism while you are alone involved in your personal prayer and devotion, or you can receive The Holy Spirit baptism while you are in worship service or in prayer meeting as we can read here, “44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,” (Acts 10:44-46 KJV)

Possible also that you can receive the Holy Spirit baptism upon laying on of hands of those who are baptized with The Holy Spirit. These are the examples of that: “17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 8:17 KJV) “6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.” (Acts 19:6 KJV) “14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.” (1 Timothy 4:14 KJV) “6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.” (2 Timothy 1:6 KJV)

After receiving the Holy Spirit baptism the believer will function for God with the power and with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But in certain occasions due to different reasons the believer when he pass through pressurizing situations, in order for him to rise again and overcome he needs to be refilled again with the Holy Spirit to overflowing as in the following examples:

1. When Peter replied to the Jewish authority who questioned the apostles about the healing of the crippled man: “5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, 6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, 9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they

marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.” (Acts 4:5-13 KJV) Peter was already baptized with the Holy Spirit but for the new emerging task he needed to be refilled to overflowing to face the high authority that persecuted them.

2. When Paul faced the Jewish sorcerer who opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith: “6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: 7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. 9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him. 10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.” (Acts 13:6-12 KJV) Paul was already baptized with the Holy Spirit but for the emerging threat that came against them from hell and the power of darkness through that sorcerer and false teacher, Paul needed to be refilled again to overflowing to handle the situation.

In the same way you may pass through hardships and trials that oppose you, oppress you and try to push you away from being effective. Don't allow trials, persecution, tiredness, sickness, bad news or discouragement to make you dry. You need to rise again against these compressing circumstances; kneeling down, asking the Lord to refill you again with the Holy Spirit to face and deals victoriously against these power of darkness.

As well as you must know that sin, worries, worldliness may turn you to be dry, therefore you need to repent from that and renounce your sins so that the Lord will refill you once again with His Holy Spirit to be effective and productive for His glory.

My Dear and Beloved: To be filled with the Holy Spirit is a must!

- To be filled with the Holy Spirit is our life style to live for Christ, till He come and take us.
- To be filled with the Holy Spirit is God with us whom we in desperate need.
- To be filled with the Holy Spirit is our equipment that enable us to live victorious life.
- To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to endure life inspite of trials, persecution and pressure.
- To be filled with the Holy Spirit is moving forward with clear vision and profound message to win the lost and disciple them.
- To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to do the will of God and to finish His work.

Let us come now to the Lord and commit ourselves to the teaching that we received in this message about the importance of the baptism of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and to live in holiness and to respond to the seal of Holy Spirit to get sanctified from sins, and to reproduce the fruit of the Holy Spirit that reflects the characters and the light of Jesus in our lives, and so

we will be filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit to do the mandates of God inspite of all struggles and trials that we may pass through.

Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that made me understand the importance of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and to live in holiness and to respond to the seal of Holy Spirit to get sanctified from sins, and to reproduce the fruit of the Holy Spirit that reflects the characters and the light of Jesus in my life, and so I will be filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit to do the mandates of God inspite of all struggles, trials and persecution that I am passing through.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce all the works of the flesh in your life; telling lies, stealing, fights, anger, rage, hatred, revenge, unforgiveness, grudge and bitterness, division, pride, selfishness, lack of concern toward others, envy, jealousy, murder, lust, immoralities, greed, injustice, corruption, worldliness, and your love for money and material things. Renounce grieving, lying, insulting and causing the Holy Spirit to envy. Confess and renounce your fear of man and your non willingness to pass through persecution. Confess and renounce your flatteries, compromises, corruption and injustice. Confess and renounce all your stubbornness, disobedience and delay obedience. Confess and renounce your lack of faith and the doubts in your mind. Confess and renounce your lack of reading God's Word and life of prayers. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce your bad stewardship, your bad example and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I kneel down at your feet, I renounce my sins _____. I decided to rise against all trials and face them victoriously, trusting you that you will help me. Lord refill me once more with your Holy Spirit to go and serve you and live my life for you, Lord enable me to face the following trial in my life _____. Lord sustain me with your grace so I will continue to serve you, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and committed their lives once again to serve you and to go in life doing your Word and living your will. Lord refill them with the Holy Spirit, and give them your power to overcome trials in life. Lord protect them from persecution and provide all their needs. Lord use them once again for your glory to go on and reach the lost, to do your works and fulfill your will.

Come forward to lay hands on you and pray for you to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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Lord, bless us as your church. Lord we commit ourselves to continue to teach about the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and to lay our hands on the disciples and pray for them to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and more

disciples to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Lord we ask you once again to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts; Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, gift of faith, gift of healings, gift of working miracles, gift of giving, showing mercy, gifts of helps, leadership, administration, gift of exhorters, pasturing, teaching, prophesying, evangelizing, and we ask you to enable us to do the apostolic ministry. Lord lead us to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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