

An important question:

• Do your personal beliefs about the Spirit allow you to experience <u>life</u> from the Spirit? The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing... John 6:33

...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10

Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:17 And with that he (Jesus) breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22

Questions about being filled with the Spirit are:

• Are we filled with the Spirit when we are <u>saved</u>?

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

And now you have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. Ephesians 1:13

 The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is a <u>one-time event</u> that occurs when we put our faith in Jesus for salvation.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance...Acts 2:4

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders... Acts 4:8

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them....They prayed - Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 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. Acts 4:23-31

And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a <u>repetitive event</u> that a believer can (and should) ask
of God, provided they are fully yielded to God.

Another question is:

• If I'm filled with the Spirit do you have to <u>speak in tongues</u>?

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They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!...And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" Acts 2:7-11

- Speaking in tongues can be the ability to speak a language you've never <u>learned</u>. For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. 1 Corinthians 14:2
- Speaking in tongues can be a **heavenly** language that that is used to speak to God.

• Speaking in tongues **strengthens** the person doing it.

A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church. 1 Corinthians 14:4

..if unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your church meeting and hear everyone speaking in an unknown language, they will think you are crazy. 1 Corinthians 14:23

Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not! 1 Corinthians 12:29-30

And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; Mark 16:17

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be <u>drunk with wine</u>, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be <u>filled with the Holy Spirit</u>. Ephesians 5:15-18 NLT

Being filled with the Spirit:

• Being filled with the Spirit is not a **suggestion** its a **command**.

To be filled with the Spirit:

- I need to seek the giver of the gift, not the gift.
- I have to want all that God has for me.
- I have to be fully **yielded** to God.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13



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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Why?
- Do your beliefs about the Spirit allow you to experience life from the Spirit?
- Does this subject make you uneasy? (Just be real) Explain.
- Talk through the points: Questions about being filled with the Spirit. Do you have other questions about being filled with the Spirit?
- Is the gift of tongues ever been something you have desired?
- · If being filled with the Spirit is a command how do we respond?
- · How are you doing seeking the giver of the gift? (No guilt attached to this, just be real)
- Does wanting all that God has for you concern you?
- Is you greatest desire in life that God would use your life?
- Is God's mission for you important to you?

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Being filled with the Spirit

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