

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

- Too often in the church, we reduce the Holy Spirit to a doctrine we debate or an experience we had once, rather than a daily reality that transforms our lives.
- The Holy Spirit is not an optional add-on to Christianity, but instead is the very essence of Christian living. The Apostle Paul says in Romans 8:9, "Anyone who doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, does not belong to Him." The Spirit is the Divine Difference Maker.
- In the Old Testament, God's people longed for the day when His Spirit would be poured out on all flesh.
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- Jesus promised His Disciples that the Father would give them another Helper.
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- Then at Pentecost, that promise became a reality.
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- Since the Spirit's presence and power were necessary for the patriarchs, the Apostles, the early church and every generation of believers moving forward, then surely the Spirit is necessary for us.

I. _____

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- Πληροσ – Be filled – _____

- **Present Tense** – It's a _____, not a one-time filling. It's ongoing – Keep on being filled
- **Imperative Mood** – Not optional, but God commanded
- **Passive Voice** – We cannot fill ourselves, but must yield ourselves to be filled.
- Paul contrasts being filled with the Spirit, with _____. Just as alcohol influences a person's _____, so does the Holy Spirit influence every aspect of our journey.
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- A Spirit-filled life is one where the believer is continually _____ by the Holy Spirit, with the goal of Christ's purposes being accomplished in and through us.

II. _____

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- Περιπατεσ – Walk by – means to _____ and is being used here to reference the _____ of one's life

- Stoicheō – Step – a military term that means to _____. The message for us is that our steps and the Spirit should be in _____.

- We can not magically or immediately arrive at a place of spiritual maturation – _____. So, how do we develop this Spirit-filled life?

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- Every day we must _____ and _____ to the Spirit.

2. _____

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- The Spirit works through the Word. If we neglect the Word, we quench His filling.

3. _____

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- Prayer is the pathway to continual filling.

III. _____

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- _____ – Dynamōs – _____

- Why do we need Divine ability and enabling strength (Spirit-Filled)?

1. _____

- Acts 4:31

- Without the Spirit our witness is weak, but with Him our witness is unstoppable.

2. _____

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3. _____

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- The Spirit helps us in all areas of weakness – to _____
us, _____ us and _____ us to keep us
progressing forward.