



PART 5: FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sermon Notes

Text:

Introduction:

Luke 6:45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Stephen: During a time of conflict in the early church, there were some leaders elected out of the body...Stephen was one of them. The Apostles gave this command:

Acts 6:3, 5 “Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the **Spirit** and wisdom...They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the **Holy Spirit.**”

Pentecost Sunday: “Pente” = 5, or 50. Fifty days. Seven weeks after Easter. The celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

Acts 2:1-4 “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

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Ephesians 5:15-20 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Being FULL of the Holy Spirit is...

1. A Walk with the Wind (v. 15-16)

“Live” = *Peripeteo* - walk.

Galatians 5:16-17 “So I say, *walk* by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other...”

Spirit = wind, breath.

- OT = Ruah (wind, breath)
- NT = Pneuma (wind, breath)

“LOST, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward offered, for they are gone forever.”

A sure sign of a wise life is making the most of life, in the midst of a world that wastes it.

2. The wisest decision you’ll ever make (v. 17-18)

The Lord’s will for our lives is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Drunkenness can control the mind and ruin our judgment and sense of propriety, leading to debauchery. In contrast, being filled with the Spirit leads to self-control and the other aspects of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

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Bill Hybels “You are the most difficult person you will ever lead”

“Be filled with the Holy Spirit” is a command, not a suggestion, and it implies a lifestyle, not a one-time event.

“Be filled with the Holy Spirit is not a command for individuals only. It is a command for the whole church.

3. Impossible to contain (v. 19-20)

When we are full of the Holy Spirit, he will always spill out of our mouths:

- **Acts 2:4** “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”
- **Acts 1:8** “When the Holy Spirit comes on you...you will be my witnesses...”
- **Acts 4:20** “we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard”

Conclusion:

Acts 7:55 “Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.”

Saul was overseeing the death of Stephen. Stephen, while full of the Holy Spirit prayed that God would not hold this sin against him. God moved in on that prayer, and transformed Saul into Paul - the greatest missionary the world has ever seen.

Luke 11:13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Life Group Discussion

1. Warm Up: Sunday was the Day of Pentecost. What do you think it means to be “Pentecostal”?

2. What about Sunday’s message encouraged, inspired, intrigued or perplexed you?
3. Read Galatians 5:16-25. This is a picture of a life of walking with the Spirit. What stands out to you about this passage?
 - What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit”?
 - Paul used the metaphor of “fruit”. Discuss how this metaphor applies spiritual growth.
4. Ephesians 1:17-18 contrasts drunkenness and being full of the Spirit. How do these two things relate? What does this say about choices?
5. Throughout the Old and New Testaments the infilling of the Holy Spirit is followed by utterance (speaking in tongues, prophecy, preaching, etc). Pentecostals put a special emphasis on speaking on tongues. What do you know of this phenomenon? What questions do you have about it?
6. Pray together:
 - a) Pray to be filled with the Spirit.
 - b) Pray for boldness and power from the Spirit to be witnesses of the Gospel.
 - c) Other requests:
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