

Spirit Filled Life #2

The Holy Spirit is very active throughout the OT.

- He fills, rests upon, enters people and anoints them for service.
- Throughout the OT many people are empowered by the Spirit of God.
 - Temporary
 - Situational
- The anointing of the Spirit is missional.
 - Israel a light to the nations.
 - The journey towards the Messiah.
- A strong prophetic voice pointing towards a future outpouring of the Spirit.
 - Numbers 11:28-30 (Moses)
 - Isaiah 32:14-16
 - Isaiah 44:3
 - Ezekiel 39:29
 - Joel 2:28-29

The Promise New Testament

John 14:15-18

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

- Jesus promises that he will “come to them.” How will he do that?
 - Through his Spirit

John 14:26-27

²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Acts 1:3-5

³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ 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.”

- What is the “gift” that the Father promised and Jesus is speaking about?
 - The Holy Spirit
- Baptized with water = Immersed in water.
- Baptism with the Spirit = Immersed in the Spirit.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Missional – Power for witness.
 - Witness
 - Jerusalem
 - Judea
 - Samaria
 - Ends of the earth.
- The Holy Spirit is still leading people on a journey to the Messiah.
 - OT looks forward
 - NT looks backward and into the future at the same time.

The Fulfillment

Acts 2:1-4 (Disciples #1)

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.

- Tongues is a brand new phenomenon. No OT references.
- Tongues = Spirit inspired speech in an unlearned language.
- This phenomenon is much like the OT sign of anointing (Prophecy)

Acts 2:5-11

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own

tongues!”¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Acts 2:38-39 (All in attendance – Day of Pentecost)

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

- Jew & Gentile
- Everyone

Acts 4:31 (Disciples#2)

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 9:17 (Saul)

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “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.”

- Ananias is walking in the gift of healing.
- Ananias places his hands on Saul-Paul to be filled with the Spirit.
 - Deuteronomy 34:9 (Moses laid his hands on Joshua)

Acts 10:44-48 (The Gentiles)

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

- Spirit inspired speech.
 - Spoke in tongues.
 - Praising God

Then Peter said,⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.”⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

- Repentance – Baptism – Filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:38)
- Repentance – Filled with the Spirit - Baptism

Acts 13:52 (Disciples #3)

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:4-7 (Disciples of John the Baptist)

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. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

What is the Spirit’s activity at salvation?

John 3:5

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’”

- Water = natural birth (Natural)
- Spirit = A rebirth by the Spirit of God (Spiritual)

1 Corinthians 6:11

¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Ephesians 1:11-14

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

- Washed, sanctified justified by the Spirit of God.
- Marked with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

There is a work of the Spirit that happens at conversion.

- The question that is asked is, “Does the infilling of the Spirit happen at conversion or does it happen after conversion as a secondary work?”

- At salvation? – The full meal deal
- Subsequent work after salvation?
 - In the NT repentance, baptism and infilling of the Spirit are very closely tied together.

What happens in Acts 2?

- Could this be an anointing of the Spirit for the missional work of Jesus?
- Could this be a releasing of the Gift(s) of the Spirit in the life of the believer?

Were the disciples – followers of Jesus filled on other occasions?

- **Are there multiple infillings of the Holy Spirit?**
 - Yes!

Rather than argue over these doctrinal points can we agree that:

- God does super-natural works at salvation by the Holy Spirit.
- God fills believers – disciples on multiple occasions. (At least 3 times mentioned in the NT)
- God wants to fill us and empower us for mission and service.

Ask

Luke 11:11-13

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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!”