

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

Discipleship 201: Session 8

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. I Corinthians 12:7-11

Introduction: Everyone of us has been born with talents, but when we are born anew into Jesus Christ, we receive a unique spiritual gift that is meant to be available to the church, used for the purpose of furthering the mission of Christ.

Who is the Spirit?

1. He is not a **GHOST**, but a person
 - a. Through the Spirit, Christ is **PRESENT**
 - b. The Spirit **INTERCEDES** on our behalf as:
COUNSELOR, COMFORTER, ENCOURAGER
But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.” John 14:26
2. The Spirit was present at **CREATION** (Genesis 1:1-2)
3. In the Old Testament, the Spirit was only given to **SOME** people, for a particular purpose and time.
 - a. An **ARTIST** (Exodus 21:2-5)
 - b. A **LEADER** (Judges 6:15)
 - c. Spirit gave necessary **POWER** (Judges 15:14)
 - d. Spirit gave **PROHETIC** voice (Isaiah 61:12)
4. The Spirit was promised to be given to **ALL** people
A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.
Ezekiel 36:26-27
5. The Spirit was present at the inception of **JESUS** (Mat. 1:18)
 - a. Jesus ushered in the age of the **SPIRIT**
John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:16
 - 1) To be baptized means to be **IMMERSED**
 - 2) We are dry **SPONGES**, the Holy Spirit fills us until we are soft and dripping.

- b. The Spirit is an indication that God is doing something **NEW**.

When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

1. The Spirit is God's **GIFT**

a. The Spirit brings **FAITH**

And when (the Advocate) comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment...John 16:8

b. Without the intervention of the Spirit, there would be no faith.

2. When we become Christians, God will **FILL** us with the Spirit.

a. The Spirit fills us so that we might **OOZE** life to others

As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' John 7:38

b. We do receive the Spirit at **BAPTISM**, but we can either use it or not.

- We use the Spirit when we **CHOOSE** to grow in faith.

What will the Spirit do in us?

1. **BIRTH** us from above

"Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." John 3:8

a. Those who are born from above are **CHRISTIAN**

b. Those who are Christians are **BORN From Above**

2. Bring us into **RELATIONSHIP** with Christ

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. John 3:12-13

3. The Spirit will help us to **PRAY**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Romans 8:26-27

4. The Spirit helps us to **KNOW** God's will

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. Ephesians 1:17-19

5. The Spirit will grow us into the image of our **Father**

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. II Corinthians 3:18

6. The Spirit will help us produce good **FRUIT**

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Galatians 5:22-23

7. The Spirit will **UNITE** us Christians

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6

8. The Spirit will bless us with unique **GIFTS**

- a. They will build up the **BODY** of Christ (not tear down)
- b. They will bless **OTHERS** (Acts 1:8)
- c. These are not talents, which are given to everyone at birth, Supernatural blessings that are only given to us at the filling of the Spirit.

What are YOUR gifts?

I Corinthians 12:7-11: Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous power, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation

I Corinthians 12:28-30: apostles, teachers, helpers, administrators

Ephesians 4: evangelists, pastors

Romans 12:7: service, encouragement, giving, leadership, mercy

I Peter 4: hospitality, speaking.