

Being Filled With the Spirit (Part 2)

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Description

Robert Wurtz II emphasizes the critical importance of being continuously filled with the Holy Spirit to maintain victory over sin and live a powerful Christian life. He highlights the consequences of not being full of the Spirit, such as loss of zeal for God, vulnerability to sin and Satan, and seeking solutions from worldly sources. Wurtz stresses the guilt of disobedience to God's command to be filled with the Spirit, which leads to a life of habitual disobedience and the begetting of other sins. He also discusses the impact of Christians not being filled with the Spirit, causing evil deeds, scandal, and dishonor to God, ultimately hindering the effectiveness of ministry and leading to a fleshly Christianity.

Transcript

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The Consequence of Not Being Full of the Holy Spirit

It is impossible to maintain victory over sin for an extended period of time without being continuously filled with the Holy Spirit. The first thing to go is our zeal for God. When that happens we will fill ourselves with everything but the Spirit of God. When that happens there is no power to tread on serpents and all the power of the enemy. Soon we seek solutions for the problems of our lives from 'experts' and 'authors.' When that happens our faith ceases to stand in the power of God- but falls in the wisdom of men. Our Christian life is powerless and vulnerable to sin and Satan.

If you read carefully Romans 5,6,7, & 8 you will find that the Christian life does not work without the continuous infilling of the Holy Spirit. A person who is devoid of the Holy Spirit reacts differently to the commandments of God than one who is full of the Spirit. In the person who was devoid of the Spirit rebellion rises up at the commandment and the flesh finds fulfillment in disobeying. Temptation is aroused in a person easily who is not full of the Holy Ghost. If the fullness of the Spirit of God is not there to raise

up a standard against the temptation- a fall is in the works. If you have allowed the world and the devil to crowd your times of being filled with the Spirit on a daily basis you are struggling right now with sin. It is inevitable. There is no need to discuss it- it is a natural consequence. You may not call what you are doing- sin- because human nature always justifies itself in its actions. "I stole because I needed the money" or "I committed adultery because of the pressure on me" or some other self-justifying reason. Some people are locked up in sins that never get called down- never make the headlines- never get preached against. Yet the greatest sin is that we would fill ourselves and give the bulk of our affections to anything other than God.

The Guilt of Not Being Filled With the Spirit

God commands us to be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). God's word commands it, and it is just as much a disobedience of God's commands as any other commandment. And yet there are many people who do not blame themselves at all for not being full of the Holy Ghost. They feel no real conviction over it. They can come to Church for years and yet live year after year without being filled with the Spirit of God. The same God who says, "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess," also says, "Be ye filled with the Spirit." Yet to disobey this commandment is to live in habitual disobedience to God. Not only that, it is the sin that begets all the rest of your sins (Ezekiel 36:27).

The authenticity of our Christian life hinges on whether or not we take time to be filled with the Spirit of God. If we try to live this life out in the flesh we will make a mockery of Christ and leave people who hear our profession and yet see our lives with a false impression of the reality of Christ. This is why there are so many atheists being manufactured in modern Christendom. So few live a genuine Christian life filled with the Holy Spirit continually- that there is really no salt and light, only empty salt boxes and powerless light bulbs. Christianity simply cannot be lived out in the flesh (Galatians 3:3).

Think of all the good we would do if you and I were as full of the Holy Ghost as we are commanded to be. The elders of the church, how much good they might do, if they were full of the Holy Ghost. What if all the preachers, deacons, Sunday-school teachers, youth pastors, church-members were filled with the Spirit? How many good works would have been done these numbers of years? Do we not bare the guilt of not doing all the good works we could have done if we had obeyed that one commandment? We will find that we are entirely responsible to God for this prime-talent neglected.

Guilt Furthered By the Evil Committed When Not Filled

Think of all of the evil that has been done in consequence of Christians not continually being filled with the Spirit (I Corinthians 4:18-20). Think of all the strongholds that have been built in the absence of the fullness of the Holy Ghost. Think of all the sins and secret sins committed. Think of all the scandal that could have been avoided had this one commandment been obeyed. What a dishonor to God! Are not Christians who ignore this commandment being a stumbling block to the Church and to the world? The guilt is further increased by all the various people that are influenced by this "fleshly Christianity." Actually this is a misnomer. There is no such thing as a 'fleshly Christian.' Christians are both led of the Spirit and saved or they have not the Spirit and are not saved. If any person have not the Spirit of Christ they are not His (Romans 8:9).

The Requirement of Fullness in Ministry

In Acts 6:3 the first requirement for ministry was "fullness of the Holy Ghost." The 120 were instantly filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:3), the Apostles were full of the Holy Ghost (Acts 3:15), Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost (Acts 7:55), and Barnabas was full of the Holy Ghost (Acts 11:24). Paul was filled with the Holy Ghost in Acts 9:17 & 13:9. All the disciples in the area were filled with joy and the Holy Ghost in Acts 13:52. This was how the world was turned upside down! It was not with the wisdom of men and their enticing words- it was with people full of the Spirit of God. Moreover, it is not something that comes about when an atmosphere is created in a service- fullness comes when individual people so surrender to God that God is welcome to take over their life. God is at the helm. God is in control. Goose bumps are not fullness and neither is the ability to speak with tongues. Goose bumps may accompany a move of God and tongues are the initial evidence of the baptism in the Holy Ghost and a means to fullness- but neither of them indicate a person is full of the Holy Ghost. A person is full of the Holy Ghost when they live like the people lived in the book of Acts and not until then. Fullness brings great fruits, great power, great victory, and great boldness for Christ. Fullness allows us to wear the title "Christian" without shame (Christ-ians 'anointed-ones').

Fullness Is A Decision

All throughout the New Testament we find people filled with all manor of things; Satan (Acts 5:3), indignation (Acts 5:17), envy (Acts 13:45), confusion (Acts 19:29), all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, murder, strife, deceit, and evil-mindedness (Romans 1:29). They chose to be filled with these things because they did not want to be filled with the Holy Ghost. As a matter of fact, they did not like to retain God in their knowledge at all. Romans 1:28 tells us what happened to these kind of people... "they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper" (NASB). Is it enough to simply talk religion and doctrine and study the bible and come to church? The Pharisees did all these things and were resisting the Holy Ghost the whole time (Acts 7:51). Everything they were doing in the name of God they were doing and yet resisting the Holy Ghost. When they taught the people they were resisting. When they read aloud from the Law they were resisting. When they paid their tithe of mint and vegetables they were resisting. When they brought their sacrifices and kept the Sabbath they were resisting the Holy Ghost.

These things are noble perhaps, but in themselves they will not save you. You have to submit to the dealing of the Holy Spirit or all you are doing is merely outward religion. You have to make Christ welcome in your life until you stay continually full of Him. This is a decision you must make once and for all and yet it will be challenged every moment of every day.

When a person's heart has been turned to the things of this world they will pray and resist the Holy Ghost at the same time. They will read their bible and resist the Holy Ghost the whole time. They will come to church and resist the Holy Ghost the entire service. Prayer, bible reading and study, travail in prayer, praying in tongues, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in your heart, are only effective as the means of your being full of the Holy Ghost if He can rule your life unthwarted.

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