

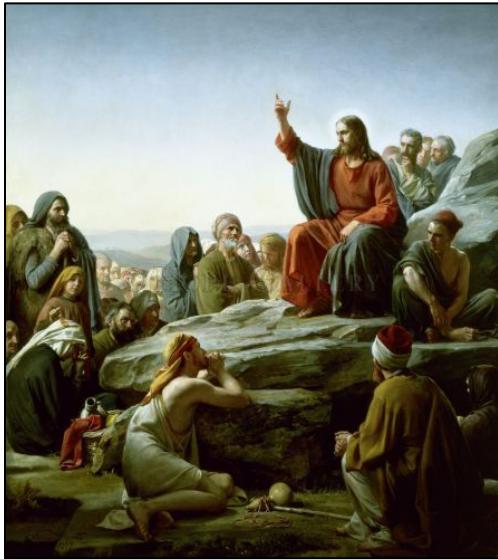


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Seven Keys to Kingdom Advancement

KEY TWO: THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS: ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

May God's Kingdom Come



Matthew 6:9-10 - Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Sermon on the Mount, 1877
Carl H. Bloch



2. Theological Foundations: 6. Role of the Holy Spirit

We live in the church age, and it's our role to hasten the day of Christ's return by deepening and expanding the kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit is the power source for spreading the kingdom of light and dispelling the kingdom of darkness in the personal, territorial and cultural spheres. He comes as we seek God wholeheartedly paving the way for the church's success.



Seven Keys to Kingdom Advancement

1. Aspiration and Desperation
2. **Theological Foundations**
3. Seeking God Wholeheartedly
4. Spiritual Practices
5. Supernatural Aspects
6. Impacting the Three Spheres
7. Leadership



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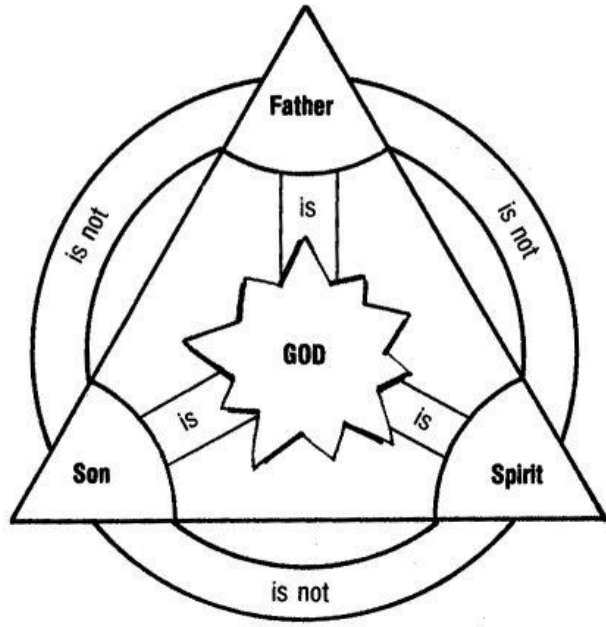
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Ancient Diagram of the Holy Trinity



He is Fully God

- He is the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:17)
- He's the Third Person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14)

He is a Person

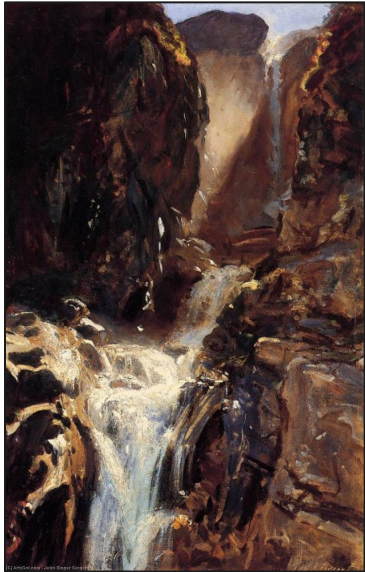
- He's always referenced as "He," and not "It." (e.g. John 16:13)
- He has a Mind (1 Corinthians 2:11)
- He has a Will (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- He has Emotions (Ephesians 4:30)



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Increased Presence of the Spirit in the New Covenant



John 14:15-17 [Jesus speaking] - “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.**”

A Waterfall, 1910
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God's Relationship with Humanity Through All Times

- **Faith and Not Works** - Reconciliation with God is through faith and not works.
- **Seeking Him Required** - Seeking Him wholeheartedly is required (through holiness, prayer, fasting, keeping the commandments, walking with him, etc.)
- **Both Kinds of Grace** - Unconditional and conditional grace are real and operative.
- **God As Rewarder** - seeking Him brings more presence and blessings.
- **God Speaks** - He speaks to believers all through history.



Mosaic Covenant Characteristics

- Centered on Israel
- Priests Serve as Mediators
- Morning and Evening Animal Sacrifices Required
- Dietary, Cultic and Others Laws Are in Place
- His Presence in Only in the Holy of Holies (Tabernacle and Temple)
- Seeking Him brings Territorial Integrity, and National Prosperity



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Kingdoms of Light and Darkness

Personal Sphere

Mark 1:14, 15

- Salvations
- Holiness, Fillings of the Holy Spirit
- Sanctification
- Fruits of the Spirit
- Deliverance, Healings, Miracles
- Widespread Fervent Prayer
- Love for others and God
- Involvement in Christian Discipleship

Territorial Sphere

Genesis 28:10-22

- Fruitfulness in the Surrounding Land
- No Hauntings, or Spiritual Power for Psychics
- Atmosphere of Godliness, Life and Joy
- Non-Christians spontaneously experience the things of God

Cultural Sphere

Isaiah 61:1-7

- Religious
- Family
- Business
- Education
- Government
- Media
- Medical
- Arts
- Entertainment



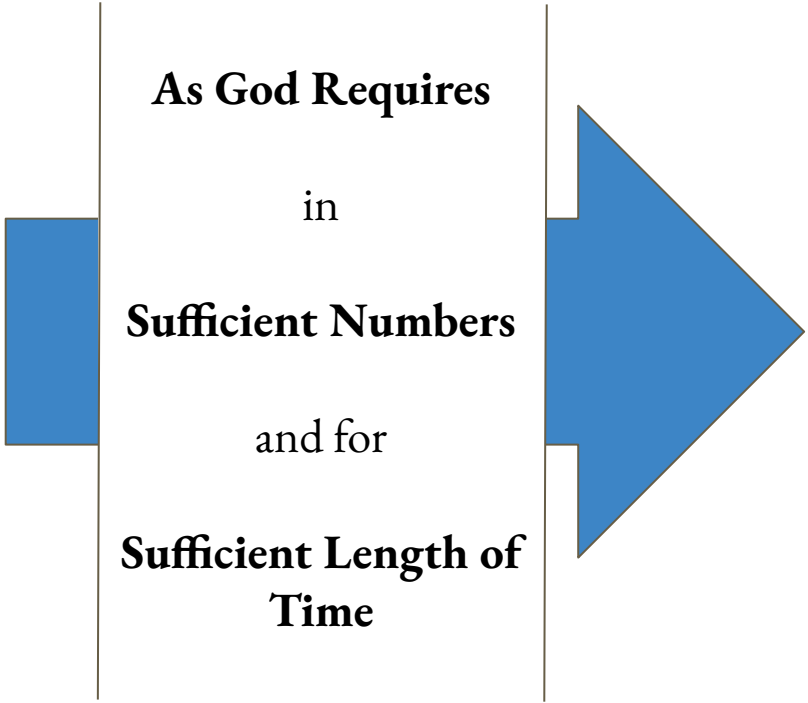
New Covenant Characteristics

- All Nations, Not Just Israel
- Jesus is Mediator, and Not Human Priests
- Once for all Sacrifice, and No Ongoing Sacrifices
- All Foods Declared Clean
- His Presence Anywhere, and Not Just the Temple
- Greater Authority in Christ, Including Over Evil Spirits
- Some Commandments Changed
- Persecution Promised For All Those Who Follow Jesus
- Greater Presence of the Holy Spirit for Holy Living and Spiritual Gifts



Four Conditions With NT Effects (2 Chronicles 7:14)

1. humble themselves,
and
2. pray, and
3. seek my face, and
4. turn from their
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As God Requires

in

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and for

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Outpourings of the
Holy Spirit with
Impact in the Three
Spheres



Holy Spirit Power for Kingdom Advancement and Culture Change

- **Seeking God Wholeheartedly Draws the Holy Spirit** - The Holy Spirit's power comes as Christians seek God wholeheartedly which is largely absent in the Western church. The Western church needs to seek God wholeheartedly and not just is convenient, familiar or comfortable.
- **Power of the Spirit Comes** - The most important element for cultural change is the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. He is needed to dispel the kingdom of darkness and advance the kingdom of light.
- **Sociological Factors Are Real** - James Hunter, other sociologists, and cultural change organizations accurately identify needed factors to change culture.



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Yearning for the Power of the Holy Spirit



“If the power for service is to be God’s, it will require the filling of the Holy Spirit.”

Watchman Nee (1903-1972)

Chinese Church Leader and Christian Teacher

Imprisoned for His Faith by the Communists for 20 Years

Yearning for the Power of the Holy Spirit



“And that is the power of the living God. And we must be confident that God has this power as much today as he had one hundred years ago, and two hundred years ago, and so we must begin to seek the power and to pray for it. We must begin to plead and yearn for it.”

Martyn Lloyd Jones (1899 - 1981)
Minister of Westminster Chapel, London

Power of the Holy Spirit



Acts 1:8 - “**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Pentecost, 1600
El Greco

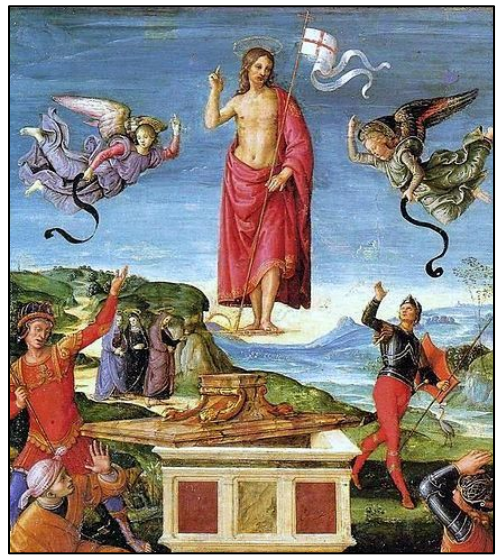


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John 16:7-11 - Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: **it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.** But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Romans 8:11 - If the Spirit of him **who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you...

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Ephesians 1:15-23 - For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,**

Resurrection of Jesus, 1502
Raphael

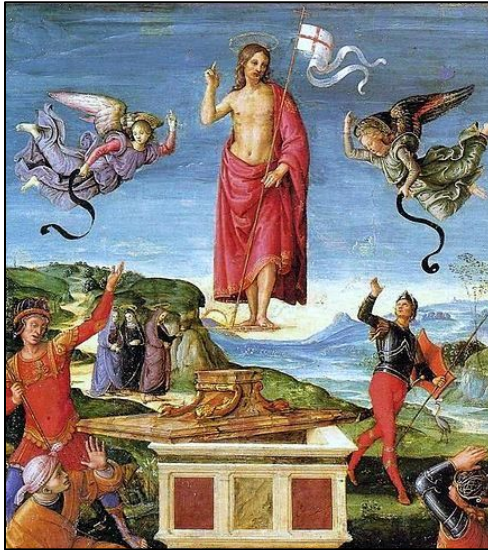
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Ephesians 1:15-23 - ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the **working of his great might**

Resurrection of Jesus, 1502
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Ephesians 1:15-23 - ²⁰ **that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,** ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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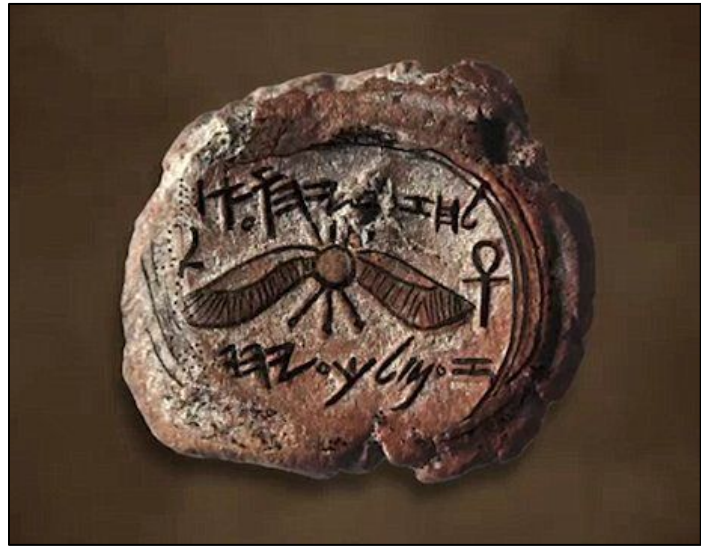
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Christians Indwelt But Not Filled



*All Christians are **sealed** and **indwelt** by the Holy Spirit, but not all Christians are **filled** with the Holy Spirit.*

**Royal Seal of King Hezekiah of Judah
Discovered by Dr. Eilat Mazar in 2015**



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Christians Indwelled But Not Filled

2 Corinthians 1:21, 22 - And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,²² and who has also put his **seal** on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Ephesians 1:13, 14 - In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 4:30 - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.



Christians Indwelled But Not Filled

Romans 8:9-11 - You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, in fact the Spirit of God **dwells** in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who **dwells** in you.



Christians Indwelled But Not Filled

1 Corinthians 3:16 - Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit **dwells** in you?

2 Timothy 1:14 - By the Holy Spirit who **dwells** within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.



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Two Categories of Holy Spirit Power

Category 1: Power to live righteously

Category 2: Power for miraculous



1 - Holy Spirit Gives Power to Keep the Law

Jeremiah 31:31-36 - “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.** And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”



1 - Holy Spirit Gives Power to Keep God's Statutes and Rules

Ezekiel 36:25-28 - I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ **And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.** ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.



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Romans 8:13 - For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if **by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body**, you will live.

Galatians 5:16-18 - But I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh**. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



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2 Corinthians 3:17-18 - Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

Ephesians 3:16 - That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be **strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being.**



2 - Holy Spirit as the Power Source for the Miraculous

Joel 2:28-29 - “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters **shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.** ²⁹ Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.”

*BOTH are prophesied for the New Covenant,
increased Category One and Category Two Power*



2 - Holy Spirit as the Power Source for the Miraculous

Acts 2:14-21 - But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I **will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.**



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Acts 2:14-21 (cont'd) - ¹⁹ **And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;** ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”



2 - Holy Spirit as the Power Source for the Miraculous

The Book of Acts is a book of examples, and not a book of exceptions.



Three Human Agents for the Miraculous

- **Devout Christians** - example of Paul, Stephen and others
- **Carnal Christians** - example of Samson, the Corinthians and others
- **Non-Christians** - Jannes and Jambres, the Anti-Christ and others

Two Categories of Holy Spirit Power - Which More Important?



Matthew 7:21-23 - “Not everyone who says to me, ‘**Lord, Lord,**’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the **one who does the will** of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘**Lord, Lord,** did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of **lawlessness.**’”



Righteous Behavior Above Gift Manifestation

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 - Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; **but the greatest of these is love.**



Emphasis of the Holy Spirit's Work

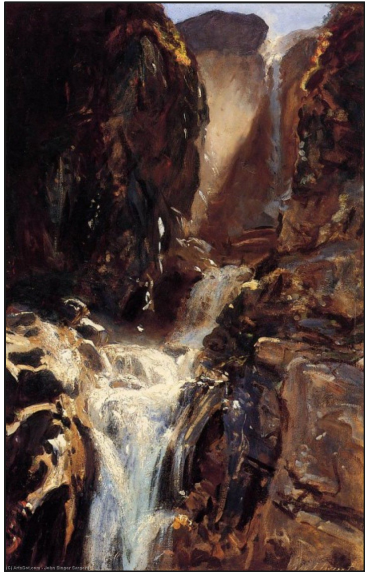
- **First: Seeking God Wholeheartedly for Holy Spirit Power for Righteous Living** - Christians are to draw near to God through repentance, faith, humility, fasting, prayer, and obedience for fillings of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by righteous living as fulfillment of prophecies (Jer 31:31-36; Ezk 36:25-28).
- **Second: Demonstrations of the Spirit** - The Scriptures plainly teach that the Holy Spirit ministers periodically in unusual and dramatic ways as a fruit of the Gospel (Acts 2:17-21).



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New Holy Spirit Experiences in the New Covenant



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Definition of Holy Spirit Experiences



Baptism of the Spirit - “Baptism” means “immersion,” and not “initiator rite.”

Filling of the Spirit - “Filling” means filling, and is to happen regularly for Christians (Acts 2:4; 4:8; 4:31; 9:17; 10:55-56; 13:9; 13:52; Eph. 5:18).
Most common listed outcome: boldness for witnessing.

The Good Shepherd, 1917
Henry Ossawa Taylor



Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4 - When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.⁴ **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.**



Peter Proclaims Gospel to Cornelius

Acts 10:44-47 - While Peter was still saying these things, the **Holy Spirit fell** on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the **gift of the Holy Spirit** was **poured out** even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have **received the Holy Spirit** just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.



Apostles Connect Cornelius and Pentecost

Acts 11:15-17 - As I began to speak, the **Holy Spirit fell on them** just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit.**’ ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”



Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts chp. 2) Described in Six Ways:

See Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-47, and 11:15-17

- **Filling** of the Spirit (Acts 2:4)
- **Falling** of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44; 11:15)
- **Gift** of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:45; 11:17)
- **Pouring Out** of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:45)
- **Receiving** of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:47)
- **Baptism** of the Spirit (Acts 11:16)



Fruit of Fillings: Boldness in Proclamation

- **Fillings Lead to Boldness** - The most common outcome for fillings of the Holy Spirit is boldness in proclamation.
- **Remedy for Timidity** - If Christians struggle with fear to proclaim the ways of God (the Gospel as well as calls to righteousness), there's a need for filling of the Holy Spirit.



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Acts 4:5-10 - On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸**Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,** “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that ^wby the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.



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Acts 4:29-31 - And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ **And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.**

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Acts 9:17-19 - So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight **and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

Ananias Restoring the Sight of Paul, 1631
Pietro da Cortona



Filling of the Spirit Leads to Boldness in Proclamation

Acts 13:4-12 - So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.



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Acts 13:4-12 (cont'd) - ⁹ But Saul, who was also called **Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him** ¹⁰ and said, “You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time.” Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.



Filling of the Spirit Leads to Boldness in Proclamation



Acts 13:48-52 - And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.



Filling of the Spirit Leads to Boldness in Proclamation



Acts 13:48-52 (cont'd) - ⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² **And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.**



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Fillings of the Holy Spirit

The Context of the Holy Spirit's Fillings:

- As a promise of the New Covenant (Jer 31:31-36; Ezk 36:25-28; Acts 1:8; 2:14-21)
- As a function of God's Sovereignty
- As a function of our actions:
 - Seeking Him wholeheartedly
 - Impartation (Romans 1:11)



Steps to Experiencing a Filling of the Holy Spirit

- **Christians are Commanded to Be Filled**

Ephesians 5:17-19 - “Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart”

- **Christians Seek God Wholeheartedly**

Christians are filled by repenting of all sins and seeking the Lord through prayer, fasting, worship, renewing of the mind from the Scriptures and obedience (seeking God wholeheartedly)



Steps to Experiencing a Filling of the Holy Spirit

- **Starts With the Leaders** - Leaders begin the process of radically seeking God by fasting days, weeks and months. By repenting of everything. By praying day and night for days, weeks and months. Then they have the grace needed to give leadership to help others do the same.
- **Christians Persist Until He Fills** - Christians are to be faithful to God's command and persist in seeking God so that they periodically experience fresh fillings of the Holy Spirit.



He Gives His Spirit to Those Who Impudently Ask

Luke 11:1-11 - Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.³ Give us each day our daily bread,⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves,⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’;⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’?



He Gives His Spirit to Those Who Impudently Ask

Luke 11:1-11 (cont'd) - I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, **yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.** ⁹ **And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.** ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”**

He Gives His Spirit to Those Who Impudently Ask



- **Impudence Required** - Praying without impudence Christians may not receive much of the Holy Spirit.
- **Position in Christ Not Enough** - One's relationship with God is not enough. Will not get you there. Depending on the fact that you are "in Christ" is insufficient without impudent prayer added.

Young Man at Prayer, 1475
Hans Memling



Praying in the Spirit

When you pray, pray in the Spirit!



Praying in the Spirit

Ephesians 6:16-18 - In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ **praying at all times in the Spirit**, with all prayer and supplication.



Praying in the Spirit

1 Corinthians 14: 13-19 - Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What am I to do? **I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.** ¹⁶ Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷ For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.



Praying in the Spirit

Jude 17-23 - But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” ¹⁹ It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and **praying in the Holy Spirit**, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.



Blocking the Spirit

1. Grieving the Holy Spirit
2. Quenching the Holy Spirit
3. Resisting the Holy Spirit



Blocking the Spirit 1: Grieving the Spirit

Isaiah 63:7-10 - I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. ⁹ In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰ But they rebelled and **grieved his Holy Spirit**; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.



Blocking the Spirit 1: Grieving the Spirit

Ephesians 4:29-32 - Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.³⁰ And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



Blocking the Spirit 2: Quenching the Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 - Rejoice always,¹⁷ pray without ceasing,¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.¹⁹ **Do not quench the Spirit.**²⁰ Do not despise prophecies,²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good.²² Abstain from every form of evil.



Blocking the Spirit 3: Resisting the Spirit

Acts 7:48-53 - Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says, ⁴⁹ “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? ⁵⁰ Did not my hand make all these things?’ ⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, **you always resist the Holy Spirit**. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”



How to Know There's a Filling of the Holy Spirit

- **Physical Experience** - Sometimes can see or feel Him come over oneself, accompanied by weeping, coolness or warmth, brightened eyes, fluttering eyelids or a burning in one's chest.
- **Zeal for Seeking God** - Often experience strong increased motivation to live a holy life, pray, and read the Scriptures
- **Changed Actions** - Boldness in gospel proclamation and fruitfulness, and sacrificial behavior. In the book of Acts the most common result of disciples being filled with the Spirit is speaking the Gospel boldly.
- **Character Change** - Over time as a person is full of the Holy Spirit, then he can expect to see fruit of the Spirit and development in Christian character.



When the Holy Spirit Falls

- **He Does Unusual Things Sometimes** - some shake, fall to the ground, weep, feel coolness or warmth. Some feel fire come through their bodies, and some receive gifts of tongues, prophesy or other gifts. Some fall on their faces confessing sins, while others may faint or shout with praise.
- **Evil Spirits Sometimes React** - evil spirits afflicting various people may manifest, sometimes causing people to be wild, fanatical, impulsive, and sometimes tense up, burst out fake tongues, scream, bark like dogs, etc.
- **Some React in the Flesh** - Some present react out of their flesh for a variety of reasons. They may want attention, or want to be seen as having an experience with God, or all sorts of reasons.



Edwards' Distinguishing Marks of a Work of the Spirit of God

In his remarkable treatise, Edwards explains how ministers are to discern whether there is a true work of the Spirit of God. It has three sections:

- **Section 1:** Negative Signs; or, What are no signs by which we are to judge of a work and especially, What are no evidences that a work is not from the Spirit of God.
- **Section 2:** What are distinguishing scripture evidences of a work of the Spirit of God.
- **Section 3:** Practical inferences.



Experiences of the Holy Spirit

No Judgment - Not judging those with or without Holy Spirit experiences.

Freedom in Identifying Him - Freedom to describe experiences as from the Holy Spirit, even if not 100% sure.

How the Holy Spirit's Power Manifests - The Holy Spirit's power gives victory over sin, love, joy, effectiveness in evangelism, open doors, healings, boldness, faith, miracles, power for change in all three spheres!

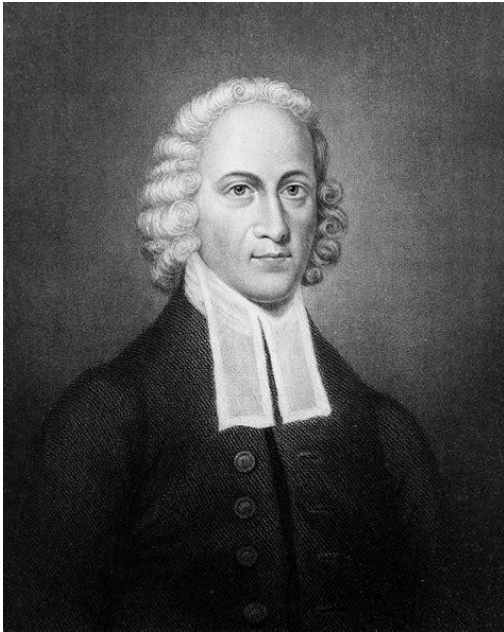


Role of the Holy Spirit

- 1. Nature of the Holy Spirit**
- 2. New Covenant Role**
- 3. Power of the Holy Spirit**
- 4. Christians Indwelled But Not Filled**
- 5. Category 1 and Category 2 Holy Spirit Power**
- 6. Baptisms and Fillings of the Holy Spirit**
- 7. Experiencing the Holy Spirit**



2. Theological Foundations: 6. Role of the Holy Spirit



“The state of the times extremely requires a fullness of the divine Spirit in ministers, and we ought to give ourselves no rest till we have obtained it. And in order to [do] this, I should think ministers, above all persons, ought to be much in secret prayer and fasting, and also much in praying and fasting one with another. It seems to me it would be becoming the circumstances of the present day, if **ministers in a neighborhood would often meet together and spend days in fasting and fervent prayer among themselves, earnestly seeking for those extraordinary supplies of divine grace from heaven, that we need at this day.**”

Jonathan Edwards (1703 – 1758)
American Pastor and Theologian



2. Theological Foundations: 6. Role of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the power source for spreading the kingdom of light and dispelling the kingdom of darkness in the personal, territorial and cultural spheres. He comes as we seek God wholeheartedly paving the way for the church's success.



We live in the church age, and it's our role to hasten the day of Christ's return by deepening and expanding the kingdom of God.

As Christians seek God wholeheartedly, He gives grace, power and direction to be used as His instruments in our families, communities and nation.

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**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

Psalm 33:12



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