

How to Be Filled

Before any of us can be “filled” with the Holy Spirit, we need to accept that it is the will of God for all believers. Just before He ascended into heaven, Jesus said, “*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you*” (**Acts 1:8**). This evening I could like to give you the instructions of how to be filled with the precious Holy Spirit, the manifest power of God. But remember, this is not for our own purposes. It is only to serve Him. This infilling of power enables us to be what God wants us to be in this life and to be an overcomer.

Note, there is a distinct difference between ‘infilling’ and ‘indwelling’. All believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit; however, not all believers are “filled” with the Spirit and His power. Otherwise God would not have to command us to “be filled.” The lack of spiritual power is all too evident among today’s believers. Yet, it is not an option. If you have already received Christ, God commands you to “**be filled**” with the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18**). Therefore, we know it is God's will for everyone. It is a command from God and really not an option.

Before His ascension into heaven, in Acts chapter 1 Jesus prophesied that this phenomenon would happen to believers. He called it “**the promise of the Father,**” told the disciples that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came on them, and He also referred to it as “**the baptism with the Holy Spirit.**” It happened a few days later on the day of Pentecost as described in **Acts 2:4**, where it is called being “**filled with the Spirit.**”

In several others places in the book of Acts it happened to other believers and different terminology is used, but in all cases the Holy Spirit came “on” or “upon” people.

It doesn't matter what you call it. The important thing is that it brings the fullness of God's power and releases the gifts of the Spirit in your life (to be a witness for Christ and to do His will). Here is how you can be **filled with the Spirit**, right now:

First, you must sincerely desire for God to fill you with Himself, which really means you must want God to totally have His way in your life. Because God is absolute love and absolute wisdom and He always has your best interest in mind, you should always desire that. Anything else is irrational. Therefore, present every area of your life to God and let Him take full control.

Second, you must cleans yourself. Confess to God any known sin in your life and by faith thank Him that He has forgiven your sins - past present and future - because Christ died for you. By faith claim His promise of forgiveness and cleansing according to **1 John 1:9**.

Third, ask God to fill you with His Spirit. And remember, from Ephesians 5:18 we already know that it is His will for you. Also, we know that in **1 John 5:14-15**, it says, “*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him.*” Repeat this: it says, “*...We know that we have (present tense) what we asked of God.*”

Fourth, remember that we always receive from God **by faith**. So receive this gift by faith, as an act of your will, and thank and praise God for answering your prayer and for “filling” you with His Spirit. In **Mark 11:24** Jesus said, *“I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”* Have you received it?