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## Three Questions Most Often Asked About the Holy Spirit:

### What is the Spirit-Filled Life?

The Spirit-Filled Life is NOT...

#### 1. The Possession of the Holy Spirit.

*“You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed **the Spirit of God lives in you**. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.”* - Romans 8:9

*“The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”* - Romans 8:16

- The question is not “Do I possess all of God’s Spirit?”, but “Does God’s Spirit possess all of me?”

#### 2. An experience accompanied by a gift.

*“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”*  
- 1 Corinthians 12:7

- The *fruit* of the Spirit, not the *gifts*, indicate a Spirit-filled life.

The Spirit-Filled Life IS...

#### 1. An instantaneous act of God’s Grace.

*“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.”*  
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#### 2. A continuous filling of God’s Spirit.

*“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”* - Ephesians 5:18

Different words used for “filling”

#### a) Pressure - Wind (πνεῦμα - pneuma)

- We can minimize or maximize the moving of God according to our degree of cooperation.

#### b) Permeate (throughout). (Acts 2:43; 3:9-10)

- To fill the atmosphere like perfume.

#### 3. A total control by the Holy Spirit.

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## Why Should I Be Filled With the Holy Spirit?

#### 1. Being filled with the Spirit is a command.

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- Living (Romans 8:14,15)
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#### 3. Being filled with the Spirit gives me purity.

*“God, who knows the heart, showed that He accepted them by **giving the Holy Spirit** to them, just as He did to us. <sup>9</sup> He did not discriminate between us and them, for **He purified their hearts** by faith.”* - Acts 15:8,9

- God gave a sinful world the Saviour. He gave the crippled church the Holy Spirit.

## Who is Eligible to be Spirit-Filled?

Three conditions. I must be...

1. A Christian. (Romans 8:16)
2. A hungry Christian. (Matthew 5:6; Psalm 42:1)
3. A consecrated Christian. (Romans 12:1,2)

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to **offer your bodies as a living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”* - Rom. 12:1,2

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