



“Spirit Filled”
Ephesians 5:15-20
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4 QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. At the moment of conversion, is a person baptized with the Holy Spirit at the same time or is it later on?

What does the Bible teach?

Joel 2:28-29 Acts 2:4 ;2:38-39 Matthew 3:11

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2. What is the difference in being baptized in the spirit and being spirit filled?

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one-time event.
Being filled with the spirit, is an ongoing process

The real issue is that of control

Who is control of your life and mine?

3. What daily disciplines are needed for a believer to be spirit filled?

- A. Discipline of Daily Surrender
- B. Daily Submission

4. What fruit is evidenced by a person who is spirit filled?

Galatians 5:22-23

My Commitment:

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WHY WE ARE BAPTISTS?

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Talking about our Baptist Distinctives, what makes us unique, sets apart, why are we Baptists?

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Controlled by deadlines, parents, boss, physical issue, for a season, controlled by this item, and for another season, something else.

ILLUS: Brandy and Anna on leashes, who is control

You can still be controlled by parents, even when you are married. Not leaving and cleaving, and even in many homes today, the children control the family

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1. At the moment of conversion, is a person baptized with the Holy Spirit simultaneously or subsequently?

When a person is born again, a life changing experience, person is born from above, at that moment are they baptized in the Holy Spirit or does that happen at a later time?

Some churches, you get saved and filled with Holy Spirit, and yet other churches teach that you come and get saved and then later you pursue what is called the second blessing or filling of the Holy Spirit. They are separating the baptism of the Holy Spirit from salvation.

What does the Bible teach?

[Joel 2:28-29](#)

Fulfillment of that prophecy found in... [Acts 2:4](#) [Acts 2:38-39](#)

[Matthew 3:11](#) - John the Baptist speaking

Are ya'll full gospel? Yes, of course we are

Because we He comes, the Holy Spirit He does not come in pieces or parts, He comes in full

When is a person baptized by the Holy Spirit?

The Bible teaches it is at the moment of conversion

It is instantaneous, simultaneous.

Salvation and being baptized in the Spirit are not separate occurrences, if you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit you are not saved.

TO say a person can be saved, and then later on baptized in the Spirit, I am saying that person is not saved because outside of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you cannot be saved.

2. What is the difference in being baptized in the spirit and being spirit filled?

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one time event.

Trace your steps back to the place where you filled with the Spirit, when you were saved.

Have you been ghosted, been baptized in the Holy Spirit? Yes,

Have you been baptized in the Holy Ghost? Yes,

Have you spoken in tongues? No

What is the difference then?

Being filled with the spirit, is an ongoing process

Look back in my faith journey and see the place where I was baptized in the Holy Spirit, when Jesus Christ took up residence in my heart and life, and become the walking tabernacle of the presence of God.

But since then, the Bible commands that I walk in the Spirit, that I be filled with the Spirit.

[Ephesians 5:18](#)

Ephesus, drunken orgy that you had an ecstatic communion with that god, through this drunken stupor As the wine took over, all of sudden that you are under the influence that you could connect with that god

Instead be intoxicated with the spirit of God.

Living continually under the influence of the Spirit.

Living in the conscience awareness of Christ's presence.

Not just a Sunday experience, a 24/7 experience. Walking in the Spirit.

Write the word control. **Real issue is that of control?**

Who is control of your life and mine?

That we would be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

What I think, what I say, the way I conduct myself is because I walking in the Spirit, I have become a vehicle, a conduit, a vessel through which the spirit of God can speak and move through my life.

There is an ongoing process that I must empty of self and put in the presence of God by the Spirit.

I don't have to get the Holy Spirit, I instead am daily filled by Him.

Pentecost, accused of being drunk

They are not drunk as you suppose, they are under the influence of the Spirit of the living God, when you are under His influence you can do things that you normally cannot do.

Like What? way on the edge.

Love your enemies, forgive those who have insulted you and hurt you, you'll be willing to give them your coat off your back, go the extra mile. you'll be willing to share Christ

[Eph. 5:19](#) shows what it means Men, we will willingly serve our wives and love them sacrificially, and wives will respect their husbands because they are filled with the Spirit. Children will obey their parents, means adults we

will honor our parents.

3. What daily disciplines are needed for a believer to be spirit filled?

A. Discipline of daily surrender

This is important, it is continual, daily, moment by moment, allowing God to have His way with us. Played softball or baseball, new glove very hard, had to oil it up because you could not even squeeze it, ball would pop out. whole intent is to make the glove soft, so that the glove will respond to every movement of your hand.

Just described surrender, to live in such a way, that every movement of the hand of God is reflected in our lives. WE have to be soft and tender, and open, and malleable to allow God's hand to move in our life.

There are some rough edges, some hard places, tough, would you allow the Holy Spirit to soften those and make the tender again.

So that you can move in my life

B. Daily Submission

Choosing to live under God's authority.

Acknowledging in your QT that you are the boss, you are the pilot You're in control, you are in charge, I'm giving you the reigns of my life. It is submitting to the authority of God. It's allowing God to be the King of my life

It also means yearning for God's approval.

My passion is that you smiled today, that I bring pleasure to you as I submit your leadership and your authority in my life.

When we embrace this discipline all that Spirit of God has to do is just whisper and we respond.

What happens is that we become hard and indifferent cool towards God's Spirit that as CS Lewis says, God sometimes has to interject pain into our lives that he uses as a megaphone.

Wherever You'll lead I'll go.

4. What fruit is evidenced by a person who is spirit filled?

Will they speak in tongues?

I have seen tongue talkers who are walking the spirit who are walking with God and who bear fruit of the Spirit

Also have seen tongue talkers who evidence zero fruit of the Spirit.

Jesus said you shall know them by their fruit.

What God is looking for is for the fruit of His Spirit to be born in our lives. To be evidenced in our lives.

[Galatians 5:22-23](#)

Isn't it true that whatever fruit of the spirit we are lacking in is exactly where God will begin to work on our lives.

Lacking patience, God will orchestrate circumstances and events to allow you to develop the fruit of Spirit known as patience in your life.

Kindness, God will line up some difficult people in your path because it in that experience of dealing with those people that you can exhibit that fruit of the spirit called kindness. It will be developed in you, because it is your greatness need.

Where does God need to work in your life

But as you evidence the fruit of the spirit in your life you're demonstrating a spirit filled life.

In [John 15](#) The focus is not bearing of the fruit, is abiding.

Longing for us to be a spirit filled, spirit led church

Walking with Jesus day in and day out and abiding in Him and so much like Jesus and the fruit of the spirit being borne out clearly in our lives that when people walk with us they would see I have been with Jesus.

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