

GOD QUESTING

PART 4: SPIRITUAL INFILLING

INTRODUCTION – Possession & Freedom

Matthew 12:28; Luke 4:1; 2 Corinthians 3:17

- God's Spirit wants _____ with us, not mindless slavery.

Home Renovations – Understanding The Holy Spirit's Work

SPIRIT-FILLING & CHRISTIAN LIFE...

- Every Christian is *indwelt* or *inhabited* by the Holy Spirit.
Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- This indwelling begins with our spiritual _____ by the Spirit.
1 Corinthians 12:13; 1 Timothy 6:4; 2 Timothy 2:14
But also see Acts 2; 8:14-17; 9:17; 10 (and see 11:14-17); 19:1-6.
- Beyond Spirit-baptism, there is still much more of God to experience.
Ephesians 5:18

SPIRIT-FILLING & EPHESIANS 5:18...

- Spirit-filling is not assumed to be true of all Christians.
- Spirit-filling is an ongoing need and a repeated experience.
- Spirit-filling is all about who or what is in _____. Luke 4:1

SPIRIT-FILLING & DRUNKENNESS...

Acts 2:13; 1 Samuel 1:12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:6, 8;
2 Timothy 4:5; Titus 1:8; 1 Peter 1:13; 4:7; 5:8

- Being filled with the Spirit results in increased joy, boldness, and lack of spiritual _____.
Acts 4:29-31

SPIRIT-FILLING & MUSIC...

Ephesians 5:19

SPIRIT-FILLING & ATTITUDE...

Luke 10:21; Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 3:16-17

SPIRIT-FILLING & INTIMACY...

Romans 8:26-28; 1 Corinthians 12-14; Ephesians 6:18

- GOD decides who receives which gifts.
- No one gift is meant to be had by all Christians.
- Spiritual language ("tongues") is given for _____ edification.
- Therefore, it is a _____ experience and the _____ of all gifts.
- Spiritual maturity will lead us to become increasingly focused on the edification of others, not ourselves.

Making Room For God's Spirit To Fill You

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

1. R _____ (v. 22)
2. R _____ (v. 19)
3. R _____ (v. 17)

Ephesians 4:30

CONCLUSION – One More "R" Word – "R" _____ "

John 1:12

MY NEXT STEP IN EMBRACING THE FULNESS OF WHAT GOD HAS FOR ME WILL BE...

- a) Inviting God to fill me and become my Lord, my Leader, my Life.
- b) Talking to a mature Christ-follower to get help with my spiritual growth.
- c) Talking to someone about water baptism as an expression of my spiritual commitment to Christ.
- d) Offering my gifts to serve the church (either on Sunday or in Home Church).
- e) Trying to live out **1 Thessalonians 5:17** this week, praying without ceasing.
- f) Trying for one week to live out **1 Thessalonians 5:16 & 18**, determining to find the good in absolutely everything and being thankful for that.
- g) Recommit to consciously celebrating the joy of music, especially singing to God and others.
- h) Other: _____

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. If you're a *LORD OF THE RINGS* fan (and hey, who isn't?!), recall that King Theoden was controlled by powers that influenced him from within and without (Saruman and Wormtongue). What kinds of forces in your life, within and without, most influence you to work against your Quest for God?
2. After briefly reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Compare **Ephesians 5:18-21** with its parallel passage in **Colossians 3:16-17**. The similar results listed suggest that the same experience is being talked about in each passage using different words. What key truths do we learn through this comparison about being Spirit-filled?
4. The same root word for being "filled" with God's Spirit in **Ephesians 5:18** is used to describe people being "filled" with rage, sorrow, or even Satan himself in **Luke 6:11; John 16:6; and Acts 5:3**. After reading these verses in context, discuss the contribution they make to our understanding of what it means to be Spirit-filled.
5. Read **2 Corinthians 3:17**. Given the context of Paul's discussion at this point, what is the "freedom" that he is saying the Spirit of God brings into our lives?

SO WHAT?...

6. How have you done in your "next step" regarding prayer from last week?
7. What "next step" have you identified (see "Conclusion" above) for you to take in your journey toward increased intimacy with God? Pray for each other regarding this.

HOMEWORK...

8. Try praying through and meditating on **1 Thessalonians 5:12-22** each day this week.

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