## Holy Spirit: Receive, be Filled and Flow

When we are born again, the Holy Spirit meshes with our spirit in order to flow through us and manifest the Kingdom of God. Our soul (mind will and emotions) is the doorway connecting the spiritual realm with this physical realm. Another word for our soul is our **heart**; the inner most part of our being that connects our physical brain and body with our spiritual soul. Many people believe our spiritual heart is located in our bowels or our "gut." We have all heard the expression "I have a gut feeling..." Because the Holy Spirit flows through us, we need to be filled. Everything starts with the revelation of **receiving** the Holy Spirit. We receive, get filled and flow with the Holy Spirit.

The power of the Holy Spirit that dwells in our hearts is for all generations, not just the start of the Church.

**Eph 3:14-21** For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

## The Prayer:

16 that He would grant you, according to the **riches of His glory**, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**, 17 that Christ may **dwell in your hearts** through faith; that you, being rooted and **grounded in love**, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — 19 to know the **love of Christ** which passes knowledge; that you may **be filled** with all the **fullness of God**. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **power that works in us**, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to **all generations**, **forever and ever**. Amen.

In this we see the Father, the Son, Holy Spirit and the whole family in heaven and earth **as one.** The family on earth is being strengthened with might, and with power from the Holy Spirit as the love and compassion of Jesus dwells in our hearts and is our foundation on which we stand. This revelation will fill us with the fullness of our Father God, for all generations. The power of the Holy Spirit flowing through us has never ceased.

## Receiving the Holy Spirit; the Promise

<u>Acts 1:8</u> But you shall **receive power** when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." -Jesus

<u>Acts 8:14-17</u> Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

These believers in Samaria were saved, but did not have the revelation of the Holy Spirit in order to receive Him. **Received;** Strong's #2983 *lambano* (lam-ban'-o); to get hold of; obtain, take, attain, accept.

Acts 10:44-48 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

Acts 19:1-7 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

**Electricity is a power** that can be harnessed. Once it makes a connection, it flows from the source into the contact. The flow comes through a conduit, and in many cases the conduit is wire. In order to receive the power, a connection must be made. This power can be stored in a battery, but eventually the battery will run out of power and must be refilled. Once man received the revelation of electricity and how it worked, they created devices that could utilize the power.

The chainsaw story: it needs gas.

**Being Filled with the Holy Spirit**; He comes upon us to flow through us to build/advance the Kingdom of God as it manifests into this physical realm.

<u>Luke 4:1-2</u> Then Jesus, being *filled with the Holy Spirit*, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

Acts 4:8-9 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:

<u>Acts 4:31</u> And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all **filled** with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

This "boldness" is the **zeal** of the Lord of Hosts, the fire of the Holy Spirit.

<u>Acts 13:9-11</u> Then Saul, who also is called Paul, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, looked intently at him 10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? 11 And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time."

<u>Acts 13:49-52</u> And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were **filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit**.

**Eph 5:17-21** Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be **filled with the Spirit**, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

**Ways to be filled** with the Holy Spirit; singing and praising the Lord, prayer, preaching hearing the word, asking to be filled, praying in tongues and as the Spirit wills. \*\*\* **We do NOT control the Holy Spirit**, we are in agreement with the Word of God to be willing vessels and used by the Holy Spirit as He flows through us.

<u>John 7:37-39</u> On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."** 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The King James version "out of his belly will flow rivers of living water." The NKJ version changes belly to heart.

**The Fire, June 22, 1994, 27 years ago**: filled with the Spirit for zeal/boldness/fire, and words of knowledge, and miracle of life.

The Holy Spirit will not come into our heart unless we are born again. If we have not asked Jesus into our heart, we are not part of the family of God.