

THE FIRST INFILLING

Romans 5:5 (NIV)

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

- God gave us His very own love.
- That is the first infilling of His Spirit that we encounter.
- After that initial infilling, we are required to fill back up.
- The first time God filled us.
- Now we are required to stay filled.

FILL UP BEFORE THE TRIP

Luke 4:1,13 (NIV)

1) *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,*

13) *When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.*

Luke 4:13 (Message)

That completed the testing. The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity.

- Jesus got filled before He went into a place where there would be temptation.
- The problem with most Christians who can't seem to live a life of holiness and stay out of sin is that they do not get filled with the Holy Spirit before going back into the world.
- v.13** said that the devil left Jesus until there was a better opportunity.
- Q:** Why do you think Jesus did not fall into temptation?
- A:** He was filled with the Spirit.
- Q:** When would be a better opportunity for the devil to revisit Jesus?
- A:** A time when He was not filled with the Spirit.
- The devil will always be lying and waiting for you to be stranded on the side of the road with an empty tank.

DON'T DRINK FROM THE WRONG CUP

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

- It seems that the world has it reversed.
- The world is looking to drinking as a way to have fun, forget their problems, and eventually it leads them to a dependency on the very thing that they are drinking.
- The Holy Spirit works the same way.
- The Spirit of God is where you will find true peace, true friendships, true joy, and true life.
- Get drunk in the Holy Spirit. He too will cause you to have fun, forget your problems, and eventually you will live a life dependant on the Holy Spirit.

KEEP ON DRINKIN'

Acts 13:52 (AMP)

And the disciples were continually filled [throughout their souls] with joy and the Holy Spirit.

- It is not enough to get filled.
- You have to stay filled.
- Your experience as a child or a teenager is not enough to carry you through life.
- Your first car, and your first tank of gas in that car is not what you are still driving on today.
- Don't expect the goose bumps of the past to help you through the problems of tomorrow.

HOW TO STAY FILLED

Acts 4:31 (NIV)

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

- The Holy Spirit falls on those who ask for it.
- Prayer is one way to stay filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:44 (AMP)

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all who were listening to the message.

- Sitting under the Word of God will keep you filled with the Spirit.
- The Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- It is vital to be in a church that preaches on the Holy Spirit and flows with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

1 *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.*

2 *Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

3 *They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.*

4 *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

- Speaking in tongues is another way to stay filled with the Holy Spirit.
- There is something powerful that happens when people gather together and wait upon the Lord.

WE HAVE A LEAK

- What are you filled with right now?
- What consumes you?
- What consumes your time, affection, and emotions?
- Q:** Why do we need to be continually filled?
- A:** Because we leak.
- God wants to fill you with what it will take for you to live your life and complete His call.
- Just as a car needs to continually fill up on a trip, so do we as Christians need to fill up continually with the Holy Spirit.
- God will not fill you without you first requesting it.
- The Holy Spirit is a gentleman; He will not enforce Himself on anyone.
- As a Christian it is your choice; Go through life on empty, or go through life on a full tank.
- Empty tanks usually lead to a delay in your trip, stranded on the side of the road.

- Full tanks always get you to your destination with no set backs.
- Today is your day to ***FILL UP!***