



The Resurrection (4)

Why Be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

Romans 1:4

(Jesus) was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Ephesians 4:1-6

1. I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
2. with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
3. eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—
5. one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6. one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:7-10

7. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.
8. Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men."
9. (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?
10. He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Ephesians 4:11-14

11. And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
12. to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
13. until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
14. so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Ephesians 4:15-19

15. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ,
16. from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.
17. Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.
18. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.
19. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

Ephesians 4:20-24

20. But that is not the way you learned Christ!—
21. assuming that you have heard about Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus,
22. to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,
23. and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
24. and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:25-28

25. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another.
26. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,
27. and give no opportunity to the devil.
28. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need

Ephesians 4:29-32

29. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.
30. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
31. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.
32. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 5:1-4

1. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
2. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
3. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.
4. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

Ephesians 5:5-8

5. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
6. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
7. Therefore do not become partners with them;
8. for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Ephesians 5:9-12

9. (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),
10. and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.
11. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
12. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

Ephesians 5:13-16

13. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,
14. for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will
shine on you.”
15. Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
16. making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:17-21

17. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
19. addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,
20. giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21. submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

2 Peter 1:3

For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness, through the full, personal knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence.

This is a command, not a suggestion. It's an urgent imperative, not a casual option. It is a command, which I must play a part in. For example, I cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit while I have unconfessed sin within me. I cannot be filled with the Spirit while at the same time conducting my life in the energy of the flesh. I cannot be filled with the Spirit while I am resisting God's will and relying only on myself. I need to walk in conscious dependence on the Lord on a daily basis.

Chuck Swindoll

Why Do We Need to be Governed by the Holy Spirit?

Firstly: the Holy Spirit is the Revealer of Truth.

John 6: 44 & 65

John 16:7-11

Jeremiah 17:9

Ezekiel 36:26

John 14:16

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counsellor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthenener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever

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1 Corinthians 12:1-3

1. Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.
2. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.
3. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-8

4. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
5. and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
6. and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.
7. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
8. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

1 Corinthians 12:9-11

9. to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
10. to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
11. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

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Galatians 5:22-23

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23. gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

If we do not obey this command, we cannot obey any other – simply because we cannot do any of God's will apart from God's Spirit... Outside of the command for unbelievers to trust in Christ for salvation, there is no more practical and necessary command in Scripture than the one for believers to be filled with the Spirit.

John MacArthur



Not only does God desire that we are filled with the Holy Spirit,
...but He commands that we are filled with the Holy Spirit!

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We need to ask ourselves:

If we see our need to be filled and keep being filled with the Holy Spirit, and have confidence that if we ask, knowing that our Heavenly Father will be pleased to give, **THEN**...are we fully prepared to walk in His full governance?
Are we prepared to walk fully yielded to Him?