

“BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT”

INTRODUCTION

A. Ephesians 5:18-20

Paul commanded his readers in Ephesus:

1. To be filled with the Spirit,
2. To sing and make melody with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and
3. To pray to the Father in the name of Jesus.

B. Colossians 3:16-17

Paul commanded his readers in Colosse:

1. To let the word of Christ dwell in them richly,
2. To sing with grace in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and
3. To pray to the Father in the name of Jesus.

C. The parallels of these two passages make clear that being filled with the Spirit is equal to letting Christ’s word indwell.

D. The Scripture, the inspired word of God, is the medium through which the Holy Spirit operates on Christian’s presently.

I. THE SPIRIT CONVICTS THE WORLD OF SIN

A. John 16:7-13

Jesus said the Spirit of Truth, called the Helper, would come to convict the world of sin.

B. 2nd Timothy 4:1-5

Preaching the word includes convicting, presenting the truth of sound doctrine in contrast to fables.

C. To be convicted by the Spirit is to be convicted through the Word because the Word is the medium of operation for the Holy Spirit.

II. BORN OF THE SPIRIT

A. **John 3:1-7**

Jesus enjoins upon us rebirth through water and the Spirit as conditions for entrance into the heavenly realm.

B. **1st Peter 1:22-23**

Rebirth is elsewhere described as occurring through the incorruptible seed that is the word of God.

C. To be reborn of the Spirit is to be reborn through the Word because the Word is the medium of operation for the Holy Spirit.

III. **LIFE THROUGH HIS SPIRIT**

A. **Romans 8:11**

The Spirit must indwell us if we are to have life.

B. **John 6:63**

That life in the Spirit comes through the words spoken by Jesus.

C. To be made alive through the Spirit is to be made alive through the Word because the Word is the medium of operation for the Holy Spirit.

IV. **THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT SETS FREE**

A. **Romans 8:2; 2nd Corinthians 3:17**

Freedom from sin is afforded in the Spirit's law.

B. **John 8:31-32**

Truth is the source of freedom and truth comes from the word of Jesus.

C. To be set free by the Spirit is to be set free through the Word because the Word is the medium of operation for the Holy Spirit.

V. **WASHED AND SANCTIFIED BY THE SPIRIT**

A. **1st Corinthians 6:9-11**

The Spirit washes and sanctifies the sinner.

B. **Ephesians 5:26**

Washing is by the word.

C. **John 17:17**

The word of truth effects sanctification.

- D. To be washed and sanctified by the Spirit is to be washed and sanctified through the Word because the Word is the medium of operation for the Holy Spirit.

VI. **LOVE OF GOD POURED OUT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

A. **Romans 5:5**

The Holy Spirit puts the love of God in our hearts.

B. **1st John 2:5**

Keeping God's word is how we know God's love is perfected in us.

- C. To receive God's love from the Spirit is to perfect God's love by the Word because the Word is the medium of operation for the Holy Spirit.

VII. **STRENGTHENED THROUGH HIS SPIRIT**

A. **Ephesians 3:16**

The inner man gains might through the Spirit

B. **1st John 2:14**

We are strong when God's word abides in us.

- C. To be strengthened through the Spirit is to be strengthened with the Word because the Word is the medium of operation for the Holy Spirit.

CONCLUSION

A. **Revelation 22:17**

The Spirit invites whoever desires to partake of the water of life.

B. **2nd Thessalonians 2:13-14**

The gospel is how God calls us.

C. **Ephesians 1:13-14**

The gospel of salvation is the word of truth.