

The Fullness of the Spirit

Part 1

This title intrigues me because the Spirit is GOD and it is by His Spirit that things are transferred from Heaven to manifest in and through our lives. The concept of fullness implies that there are degrees of yielding to God's Spirit. I will experience the fullness of His Spirit to the degree that I am yielded to Him.

"What are the distinctive characteristics, or marks, of personality? Knowledge, feeling or emotion, and will. Any entity that thinks and feels and wills is a person.....Herein lies the whole secret of a real Christian life, a life of liberty and joy and power and fullness. To have as one's ever-present Friend, and to be conscious that one has as his ever-present Friend, the Holy Spirit and to surrender one's life in all its departments entirely to His control, this is true Christian living."

— R.A. Torrey, *The Person and Work of The Holy Spirit*

Acts 6:3

*"Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, **full of the Spirit and of wisdom**, whom we may put in charge of this task.*

How full of the Spirit are you? Does this mean there were some who were half full? How many things do you do full of the Spirit and how many are partly from the flesh?

Acts 11:22-25

*News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, **full of the Holy Spirit and faith**, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. 25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,*

Acts 7:55

*But Stephen, **full of the Holy Spirit**, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.*

Do you want to be in a place where there is nothing hindering the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. You are function in complete partnership with Him.

Part 1 – Levels of the Spirit's work

Level 1 – Born of the Spirit at Salvation

John 3:5-8

Jesus answered "Truly, truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6Flesh is born of flesh, but spirit is born of the Spirit. 7Do not be amazed that I said, 'You must be born again.'... The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Level 2 – Baptised in the Spirit

Luke 24:49

..am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:4-5

And when they were gathered together, He commanded them: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised, which you have heard Me discuss. 5For John baptized with water, but in a few days" you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 18:15-17

On their arrival, they prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit. 16For the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 17Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit....

1 Cor 12:12 - 14

The body is a unit, though it is comprised of many parts. And although its parts are many, they all form one body. So it is with Christ. 13For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free, and we were all given one Spirit to drink. 14For the body does not consist of one part, but of many....

This scripture shows us the first and second level. We were baptised into one body but we also drink of the Spirit.

Level 3 – Specific anointing to minister

You can feel like you have become another person.

Acts 4:7-8

They had Peter and John brought in and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people! 9If we are being examined today about a kind service to a man who was lame, to determine how he was healed,...

An example of this is John G Lake:

"In 1908, I preached at Pretoria, South Africa, when one night God came over my life in such power, in such streams of liquid glory and power, that it flowed consciously off my hands like streams of electricity. I would point my finger at a man and that stream would strike him. When a man interrupted the meeting, I pointed my finger at him and said, 'Sit down!' He fell as if struck and lay for three hours. When he became normal they asked him what happened, and he said, 'Something struck me that went straight through me. I thought I was shot.'

"At two o'clock in the morning I ministered to sixty-five sick [people] who were present, and the streams of God that were pouring into my hands were so powerful the people would fall as though they were hit. I was troubled because they fell with such violence. And the Spirit said, 'You do not need to put your hands on them. Keep your hands a distance away.' And when I held my hands a foot from their heads they would crumble and fall in a heap on the floor. They were healed almost everyone."

Acts 13:8-12

But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. 9 Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, 10 "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? 11 Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

When we are filled with the Spirit we are not limited to doing NICE things.

Dimensions of anointing:

Suk – oil poured out like olive oil on salad. Oil after a bath. David Killed a bear.

Masach – Smear with God. You have to stand long enough for this. A consecrated person like a king. Specific victories were won with this but it was temporary.

Gk – Charisma – Rubbing into our entire being. This remains and abides.

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