

Be Filled With The Spirit

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It is essential and important for every Christian to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Holy Spirit” (Eph. 5:18). One translation says, “But keep filled with the Spirit.” The original Greek means to *be being filled in a continuous sense*.

God is a *self-energizing* Spirit and we are completely dependent on Him. We need to be *charged up* with the power of His Spirit, because if we lose our *charge*, nothing will work without Him. It’s like having an I-phone with thousands of applications, but if it loses its charge, the benefits that you could enjoy are no longer available. That phone must be charged in order to work.

We’ve got to stay charged up too, because there are benefits to being filled with the Holy Spirit. Here are a few of those benefits.

- 1) There is strength that comes from the Holy Spirit. The Wand Translation declares in Eph. 3:16, “He will grant you to be mightily strengthened by His Spirit in the very core of your being.” You’ll be strong enough to walk with God, to trust Him, believe Him, and possess those things that are yours in Christ Jesus.
- 2) There is genius that comes from the Holy Ghost. Pastor B.B. Hankins said, “The Holy Ghost is a genius and if you listen to Him, He will make you look smart, but if not, you will be normal.” The scripture says in Rom. 8:14, “For many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” When you are led by the Holy Spirit, you’ll do the right things at the right time because the Holy Spirit knows how to order your steps.
- 3) There is a God-consciousness that comes from the Holy Spirit. Instead of being body-conscious, sin-conscious, problem-conscious, or devil-conscious, the Holy Spirit will put Christ on display in your life, and spiritual things will be more real than natural things. Most Christians are more aware of what is happening all around them instead of within them, but we need to be conscious of the mighty power in our spirit. We must become conscious of the reality that Jesus is dwelling at home in our heart. If we were aware of the presence of Jesus and His Word, faith would arise and we would live without a worry or a care.

Smith Wigglesworth said, “Our only safeguard from dropping back into our natural mind from which we can receive nothing from God, is to be filled and filled again with the Holy Spirit.”