

BIBLE STUDY SERIES:

TRUSTING THE FATHER

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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INTENTION:

This is the greatest thing in my life and walk with the Lord: to be Baptised and Filled in the Holy Spirit.

No longer was I a cowardly Christian pushed around by just any doctrine—He showed me Himself and with that came the Dynamite Power and Authority He desires so much for us to have and continually walk in.

I. TOPIC:

We want to look at being Filled with the Holy Spirit (also referred to as the Baptism of the Holy Spirit).

This is something that truly transformed my life—but didn't know and experience this until late in my Christian life.

After being Born-Again at the age of 16 and being water baptised, I thought that was it—and from then, lived a life programmed to try and be the best "Christian" I could be. And then, of course, failing miserably at that religion.

At around the age of 30, I met a group of young people who were showing a form of fellowship, freedom, and Godly Love that I had not experienced in any church. And one of these people ministered to me about this "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" that I was not quite familiar with—but because my heart was still hardened from trusting the Lord, I used my best Bible-studied religion to reject it and call out that person as misinterpreting scripture and the Holy Spirit.

It was not him misinterpreting scripture and the Holy Spirit, it was me. I wasn't ready, but seeds were watered.

Of interest was that, when I was 18 years old (a couple years after being Born-Again), I had a chance to personally experience someone speaking in tongues. I was still "new and fresh" in being born-Again and didn't think twice about it happening. My religion hadn't gotten in the way yet. Some early seeds.

But those seeds came to life in me around 38 years old when I started to hear and soften my heart to an un-religious Christianity. My belief changed over the course of a few years of hearing this message; the testimonies of dozens of people sharing their personal experiences in the Holy Spirit, Tongues, healings, gifts, and miracles; and personally, witnessing this infilling of the Holy Spirit with speaking in Tongues in others. And on the 28th of May 2014, I asked the Lord for this thing called the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" with the ability (utmost want) to speak in Tongues.

That evening, by myself, in my flat, I put on some sermons on the topic, broke through my flesh's resistance (and the devil's dissuasion), and openly asked the Lord for it. In an instance, I felt inside of me, something like a balloon filling, swelling into every part of my being—as though my body would pop (burst) from this inner pressure. I literally didn't burst, but what "popped" out was an outpouring of Tongues. So many different variations. Dialogs that were legitimate, but other-worldly; other languages that sounded foreign, but of this world. And with variety: fast, slow; stern, soft; gentle, strong (with a righteous indignation).

My flesh did not know what to think. It wanted to reject this as not being "real" languages or dialog. The devil wanted to convince me that it was of him, not of God. But I kept on!

As I lay on the floor face-down (having started the process walking around), I could physically sense Jesus Himself next to me—sensing and "seeing" Him standing there, sandals on, with the hem of His white robe reaching down to (but not covering) His feet. So real was it, that I reached my arm out with a definitive knowing of His presence, expecting to touch his feet and ankle with my hand.

He confirmed for me that it truly was Him that personally "Baptises with the Holy Ghost and Fire" ([Luke 3:16](#)).

My experience (which will be different for all people) was one that ministered directly to who I was at the time, and to what would be the most convincing to my being—a convincing that I could not dismiss away as something else. A confirming in my body, mind, soul, and heart that what had transpired was real and was uniquely of the Lord. That what I had felt and now possessed was God's Holy Spirit that filled me up to the point of "exploding" out in Tongues.

From that time, I pray, speak, think, feel, and sing in Tongues—anywhere and everywhere. For myself, for others, for my personal relationship with the Lord and His Angels.

In an instance then, my Christian reality changed—confidence grew, scripture rewrote itself out of a religious book into Christ-words (words of Life and Love) as my "eyes" (understandings) were opened. There was an authority, perception, and power in me that flowed out of me, that wasn't a "me" I had ever known. My Born-Again Holy Spirit was now infused and infilled with God's own Holy Spirit. My vessel was filled up with Him, and as this water was scooped out, it became His best wine ([John 2:1-11](#))!

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Bible Study: Lesson 027

As we look at the scriptures about being “Filled with the Holy Spirit”, we will see the simplicity that is involved in receiving it. But first, we will see how important it is as we look at the impact it had on the Disciples (looking at them before receiving Him—with and without Jesus—and after receiving Him).

During Jesus’s ministry with the “12” and “70”, He gave them His authority over sickness/disease and demons. They could perform the same miracles as Jesus did. They did this without the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

But when Jesus “left” them by dying on the Cross and getting buried, they went from celebrating their authority, to fearfully retreating into hiding.

Yet, that all changed when the Holy Spirit came. Jesus “breathed the Holy Spirit” on the remaining eleven disciples ([John 20:21-22](#)) and told them to wait for the Holy Spirit to come to everyone before going out. Having been given the Holy Spirit by Jesus, the now power-filled eleven Disciples boldly and bravely addressed the crowd gathered when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. This same Holy Spirit baptism of power was given to all the other believers gathered and witnessed at Pentecost. And this same power is what we can gain when “filled up” too.

II. **READING:** The changes in the Disciples (with Jesus, without Jesus, and with the Holy Spirit):

[Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-2,17-19](#) (VOICE)

Jesus convened a gathering of the twelve. He gave them power and authority to free people from all demonic spirits and to heal them of diseases. 2 He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3-5 These were His instructions:

- a. Travel light on your journey: don’t take a staff, backpack, bread, money, or even an extra change of clothes.
- b. When you enter a house, stay there until you leave that city.
- c. If a town rejects you, shake the dust from your feet as you leave as a witness against them.

6 The disciples left on their journeys from village to village. They preached the good news, and they healed the sick everywhere they went.

1 The Lord then recruited and deployed 70 more disciples. He sent them ahead, in teams of two, to visit all the towns and settlements between them and Jerusalem. 2 This is what He ordered.

Jesus: There’s a great harvest waiting in the fields, but there aren’t many good workers to harvest it. Pray that the Harvest Master will send out good workers to the fields.

17 When the 70 completed their mission and returned to report on their experiences, they were elated.

Seventy: It’s amazing, Lord! When we use Your name, the demons do what we say!

Jesus: 18 I know. I saw Satan falling from above like a lightning bolt. 19 I’ve given you true authority. You can smash vipers and scorpions under your feet. You can walk all over the power of the enemy. You can’t be harmed.

[Mark 16:9-14](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

After He rose from the dead early on Sunday, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene, a woman out of whom He had cast seven demons. 10 She brought this news back to all those who had followed Him and were still mourning and weeping, 11 but they refused to believe she had seen Jesus alive.

12 After that, Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them as they walked through the countryside, 13 and again the others did not believe it.

14 The eleven did not believe until Jesus appeared to them all as they sat at dinner. He rebuked them for their hard hearts—for their {unbelief}—because they had failed to believe those witnesses who had seen Him after He had risen.

[Acts 2:1-4;37-41](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

When the holy day of Pentecost came 50 days after Passover, they were gathered together in one place.

2 Picture yourself among the disciples: A sound roars from the sky without warning, the roar of a violent wind, and the whole house where you are gathered reverberates with the sound. 3 Then a flame appears, dividing into smaller flames and spreading from one person to the next. 4 All the people present are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in languages they've never spoken, as the Spirit empowers them.

37 When the people heard this, their hearts were pierced; and they said to Peter and his fellow apostles,

Pilgrims: Our brothers, what should we do?

Peter: 38 Reconsider your lives; change your direction. {Be baptised} in the name of Jesus God's Anointed, the Liberating King. Then your sins will be forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit will be yours. 39 For the promise of the Spirit is for you, for your children, for all people—even those considered outsiders and outcasts—the Lord our God invites everyone to come to Him.

40 Peter was pleading and offering many logical reasons to believe. 41 Whoever made a place for his message in their hearts received the baptism; in fact, that day alone, about 3,000 people joined the disciples.

III. RELATED VERSES AND QUESTIONS:

- A. There are many demonstrations in Acts of believers receiving and/or being "filled" with the Holy Spirit. Often, it was a natural process to believing. Other times it was a separate occurrence from first believing in Jesus Christ. In this way, we can experience it for ourselves and others in the same way—upon a person believing in Jesus Christ (being Born-Again), or as a separate experience anytime after a person believes in Jesus Christ (is Born-again). So, this Baptism of the Holy Spirit (infilling of the Holy Spirit) can be simultaneous or separate from Water Baptism and/or Baptism into Jesus Christ (believing in Him). It can be done by hearing or laying on of hands by believers. Many times, the confirmation of this infilling was people speaking in Tongues.

[Acts 2:4](#) (VOICE)

All the people present are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin speaking in languages they've never spoken, as the Spirit empowers them.

[Acts 4:8-10](#) (VOICE)

Peter (filled with the Spirit): 8 Rulers and elders of the people, 9 yesterday a good deed was done. Someone who was sick was healed. If you're asking us how this happened, 10 I want all of you and all of the people of Israel to know this man standing in front of you—obviously in good health—was healed by the authority of Jesus of Nazareth, the Anointed One. This is the same Jesus whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead.

[Acts 8:14-17](#) (VOICE)

Meanwhile word had reached the Lord's emissaries in Jerusalem that the message of God was welcomed in Samaria—a land of half-breeds and heretics in the minds of many Judeans. They sent Peter and John 15 to pray for the Samaritans. They were especially eager to see if the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit 16 because until this point they had been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus but had not experienced the Holy Spirit. 17 When Peter and John laid hands on the people, the Holy Spirit did indeed come upon them all.

[Acts 9:17-19](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

So Ananias went and entered the house where Saul was staying. He laid his hands on Saul and called to him.

Ananias: Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, sent me so you can regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

18 At that instant, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see. So he got up, {was baptised} 19 ate some food (remember, he had not eaten for three days), and regained his strength. He spent a lot of time with the disciples in Damascus over the next several days.

[Acts 10:44-48a](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

Peter wasn't planning to stop at this point, but the Holy Spirit suddenly interrupted and came upon all the people who were listening. 45-46 They began speaking in foreign languages (just as the Jewish disciples did on the Day of Pentecost), and their hearts overflowed in joyful praises to God. Peter's friends from Joppa—all of them Jewish, all circumcised—were stunned to see that the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on outsiders.

Peter: 47 Can anyone give any good reason not to {baptise them}? After all, it's obvious they have received the Holy Spirit just as we {saw} on the Day of Pentecost.

48 So he had them baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

[Acts 13:9](#) (VOICE)

Saul, who is also known as Paul, was suddenly full of the Holy Spirit. He stared directly into Elymas's face.

[Acts 13:52](#) (VOICE)

The disciples weren't intimidated at all; rather, they were full of joy and the Holy Spirit.

[Acts 19:1-6](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul's overland journey brought him back to Ephesus. He encountered a group of about a dozen disciples there.

Paul: 2 Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?

John's Disciples: We've never heard about the Holy Spirit.

Paul: 3 Well then, what kind of {baptism} did you receive?

John's Disciples: We received the {baptism} that John taught.

Paul: 4 John taught the truth—that people should be baptized with renewed thinking and turn toward God. But he also taught that the people should believe in the One whose way he was preparing, that is, Jesus the Anointed.

5 As soon as they heard this, they were baptized, this time in the name of our Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them in the same way the original disciples {witnessed} at Pentecost: they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Question: If you have not received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit or aren't sure if you have been "Filled with the Holy Spirit", would you like to—even speaking in Tongues?

Response:

- B. “Re-Filled”. Here we read about already-filled Disciples being filled again. We don’t assume they somehow lost their in-filling, but we can see there is nothing wrong with being “filled” again (or as many times as you need).

[Acts 4:29-31](#) (VOICE)

And now, Lord, take note of their intimidations intended to silence us. Grant us, Your servants, the courageous confidence we need to go ahead and proclaim Your message so while You reach out Your hand to heal people, enabling us to perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.

31 They finished their prayer, and immediately the whole place where they had gathered began to shake. All the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began speaking God’s message with courageous confidence.

Question: Anyone want a “Re-Filling” of the Holy Spirit?

Response:

- C. For a believer, we don’t need to be filled with the Holy Spirit for our walk with the Lord, but why would we not want it. If there was no benefit to it, the Lord would not have offered it—even Jesus needed the infilling of the Holy Spirit before He could begin His ministry. For the disciples, they first had Jesus to rely on for support and the Holy Spirit was “with them”; but when Jesus ascended, He replaced Himself with an even “better” personal support for us: the Holy Spirit “in them”.

[John 14:16-18](#) (VOICE)

I will ask the Father to send you another Helper, the Spirit of truth, who will remain constantly with you. 17 The world does not recognize the Spirit of truth, because it does not know the Spirit and is unable to receive Him. But you do know the Spirit because He lives with you, and He will dwell in you. 18 I will never abandon you like orphans; I will return to be with you.

[John 16:7](#) (VOICE)

But the truth is that My departure will be a gift that will serve you well, because if I don’t leave, the great Helper will not come to your aid. When I leave, I will send Him to you.

[Romans 8:26-29](#) (VOICE)

A similar thing happens when we pray. We are weak and do not know how to pray, so the Spirit steps in and articulates prayers for us with groaning too profound for words. 27 Don’t you know that He who pursues and explores the human heart intimately knows the Spirit’s mind because He pleads to God for His saints to align their lives with the will of God? 28 We are confident that God is able to orchestrate everything to work toward something good and beautiful when we love Him and accept His invitation to live according to His plan.

Question: Do you feel that having Jesus with you would be better than having the Holy Spirit with/in you?

Response:

- D. I have found that having the infilling (Baptism) of the Holy Spirit has helped me in my everyday walk with the Lord. It is His purpose-given ability to walk in a Godly authority. Some benefits of having the infilling of the Holy Spirit is that He makes living His life easier—a huge power-boost to our own Holy Spirit inside of us. This power-boost is translated as “dynamite power” ([G1411](#): *dynamis*). Your own Spirit made Holy (Holy Spirit) is infused with dynamic power that gives you a greater abundance than you would have on your own. The same infused power that Jesus used.

[Luke 4:14](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power [G1411](#) of the Holy Spirit, and soon people across the region had heard news of Him.

[Acts 1:8](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

Here’s the knowledge you need: you will receive power [G1411](#) when the Holy Spirit comes on you. And you will be My witnesses, first here in Jerusalem, then beyond to Judea and Samaria, and finally to the farthest places on earth.

[Romans 15:13](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

I pray that God, the source of all hope, will infuse your lives with an abundance of joy and peace in the midst of your faith so that your hope will overflow through the power [G1411](#) of the Holy Spirit.

[Ephesians 3:16](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

Father, out of Your honourable and glorious riches, strengthen Your people. Fill their {inner man} with the power [G1411](#) of {His Spirit}.

Question: How would a “dynamite” boost of His Power help you in your everyday walk with Him?

Response:

- E. Here are some of the extra dynamite-power-benefits that He helps us with. It’s not that without the infilling, you don’t have these gifts and abilities; it is just that He helps you overflow more abundantly with them!

[1 Corinthians 12:1,4-11](#) (VOICE)

Now let me turn to some issues about spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters. There’s much you need to learn.

4 Now there are many kinds of grace gifts, but they are all from the same Spirit. 5 There are many different ways to serve, but they’re all directed by the same Lord. 6 There are many amazing working gifts in the church, but it is the same God who energizes them all in all who have the gifts.

7 Each believer has received a gift that manifests the Spirit’s power and presence. That gift is given for the good of the whole community. 8 The Spirit gives one person a word of wisdom, but to the next person the same Spirit gives a word of knowledge. 9 Another will receive the gift of faith by the same Spirit, and still another gifts of healing—all from the one Spirit. 10 One person is enabled by the Spirit to perform miracles, another to prophesy, while another is enabled to distinguish those prophetic spirits. The next one speaks in various kinds of unknown languages, while another is able to interpret those languages. 11 One Spirit works all these things in each of them individually as He sees fit.

[Galatians 5:16-18;22-26](#) (VOICE) {PoG}

Here's my instruction: walk in the Spirit, and let the Spirit bring order to your life. If you do, you will never give in to your selfish and sinful cravings. 17 For everything the flesh desires goes against the Spirit, and everything the Spirit desires goes against the flesh. There is a constant battle raging between them that prevents you from doing the good you want to do. 18 But when you are led by the Spirit, you are no longer subject to the law.

22 The Holy Spirit produces a different kind of fruit: unconditional love, joy, peace, patience, kindheartedness, goodness, {faith}, 23 gentleness, and self-control. You won't find any law opposed to fruit like this. 24 Those of us who belong to the Anointed One have crucified our old lives and put to death the flesh and all the lusts and desires that plague us.

25 Now since we have chosen to walk with the Spirit, let's keep each step in perfect sync with God's Spirit. 26 This will happen when we set aside our self-interests and work together to create true community instead of a culture consumed by provocation, pride, and envy.

[Ephesians 5:8b-21](#) (VOICE)

...let God fill you with the Holy Spirit. 19 When you are filled with the Spirit, you are empowered to speak to each other in the soulful words of pious songs, hymns, and spiritual songs; to sing and make music with your hearts attuned to God; 20 and to give thanks to God the Father every day through the name of our Lord Jesus the Anointed for all He has done. 21 And the Spirit makes it possible to submit humbly to one another out of respect for the Anointed.

Question: Would you like to have a boost in living as Christ and a boost to all His Gifts—to just “be Him” (the Identity you have been made having been Born-Again)?

Response:

IV. FURTHER THOUGHT:

- A. This is one thing I want to make clear about the Baptism (infilling) of the Holy Spirit: that this is not a requirement to speak in tongues, perform miracles, healings, and all the Gifts. To do those which Jesus says we can do, all we have to do is believe. The same happened with the Disciples—they did all the same healing and casting-out demons that Jesus did before they themselves had the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

[Mark 16:17-18](#) (VOICE)

And these signs will follow those who believe: they will be able to cast out demons in My name, speak with new tongues, 18 take up serpents, drink poison without being harmed, and lay their hands on the sick to heal them.

Thoughts: There truly is a reason Jesus sent the Holy Spirit down for us to be able to be infilled (overflowing) with Him. Take ahold of that free power for us. And do not fear it or that you could do something to lose that infilling—for He so gladly wants you to have it. His countenance is so happy for you to have it.

Nothing you can do, or have done, or are doing can keep the Holy Spirit from infilling a believer. You are already made Holy when you believed in Christ Jesus; thus, there is no other need of ritual-cleansing, forgiveness-asking, or sacrificing. No sin will keep Him from coming into you. He comes into you because you are a Born-Again child of the Living God and Father, not because you “don't have sin”. You deserve it because He wants you to have it!

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