

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

Discipleship 201 - Session 8

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

I Corinthians 12:7-11

Introduction: Everyone of us has been born with talents, but when we are born anew into Jesus Christ, we receive a unique spiritual gift that is meant to be available to the church, used for the purpose of furthering the mission of Christ.

Who is the Spirit?

1. He is not a _____, but a person
 - a. Through the Spirit, Christ is _____
 - b. He _____ on our behalf as:

_____, _____, _____
Jesus said, *“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.”* John 14:26

2. The Spirit was present at _____ (Genesis 1:1-2)
3. In the Old Testament, the Spirit was only given to _____ people, for a particular purpose and time.
 - a. An _____ (Exodus 21:2-5)
 - b. A _____ (Judges 6:15)

c. He gave necessary _____ (Judges 15:14)

d. He gave _____ voice (Isaiah 61:12)

4. The Spirit was promised to be given to _____ people
A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Ezekiel 36:26-27

5. He was present at the inception of _____ (Mat. 1:18)

a. Jesus ushered in the age of the _____
John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Luke 3:16

1) To be baptized means to be _____

2) We are dry _____, the Holy Spirit fills us until we are softened and dripping.

b. The Spirit is an indication that God is doing something _____.

When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

1. The Spirit is God’s _____

a. The Spirit brings _____

And when (the Advocate) comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment... John 16:8

b. Without the intervention of the Spirit, there would be no faith.

2. When we become Christians, God will _____ us with the Spirit.

a. The Spirit fills us so that we might _____ life to others

As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' John 7:38

- b. We do receive the Spirit at _____, but we can either use it or not.
 - We use the Spirit when we _____ to grow in faith.

What will the Spirit do in us?

- 1. _____ us from above

"Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." John 3:8

- a. Those who are born from above are _____
- b. Those who are Christians are _____

- 2. Bring us into _____ with Christ

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. John 3:12-13

- 3. The Spirit will help us to _____

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. Romans 8:26-27

- 4. The Spirit helps us to _____ God's will

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. Ephesians 1:17-19

- 5. The Spirit will grow us into the image of our _____

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. II Corinthians 3:18

6. The Spirit will help us produce good _____
...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. Gal. 5:22-23

7. The Spirit will _____ us Christians
There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:4-6

- 8. The Spirit will bless us with unique _____
 - a. They will build up the _____ of Christ (not tear down)
 - b. They will bless _____ (Acts 1:8)
 - c. These are not talents, which are given to everyone at birth, but _____ blessings that are only given to us at the filling of the Spirit.

What are YOUR gifts?

I Corinthians 12:7-11: Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous power, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation

I Corinthians 12:28-30: apostles, teachers, helpers, administrators

Ephesians 4: evangelists, pastors

Romans 12:7: service, encouragement, giving, leadership, mercy

I Peter 4: hospitality, speaking.