

“Be Filled With the Holy Spirit” Ephesians 5:15-18

Are you dry? Are you empty? Do you need more strength and power?

1. On the Day of Pentecost the Church was _____ when the Father gave the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, to _____ every single Believer. **Acts 2**

- A. Pentecost means _____ – because it was celebrated 50 days after _____. It was called in the Old Testament the Feast of _____, or the Feast of _____.
- B. At the celebration each year of Pentecost an offering of _____ was made. Lev. 23:20 In Acts 2 those gathered into the Church were the first fruits of the _____ of all believers to come after.

2. In **Acts 6:1-8** the apostles needed to expand the leadership core of the church in Jerusalem to meet the needs of the huge number of _____ coming to CHRIST. In verse 3, the apostles stated, “Select from among you, seven men:

- A. of _____, (men who have shown _____ over a long time) Prov. 22:1
- B. that are _____, (they _____ in GOD’s Presence, are _____ with GOD’s Presence, and live a selfless life of obedience and _____, in order to glorify HIM)
- C. and of _____.” (they _____ from GOD’s Perspective because they live in GOD’s Presence)
- D. People are often chosen today because they have good _____, are good _____, are witty, have sterling _____, are attractive, are successful financially, or are tremendous _____.

3. In **Ephesians 5:15-18** Paul states,

- A. Be careful how you _____ (how you choose how you are going to _____)
- B. Not as unwise men, but _____, (a _____ life based on pleasing GOD)
- C. Making _____ of your time, (we have a _____ amount of time to serve JESUS) “Do business _____, until I come back.” Luke 19:13 NASB
- D. Because the days are _____. (treacherous, deadly, distracting)
- E. Do not be _____, (are you the lord of your life?) Ps. 14:1
- F. But understand what _____ of the LORD is, (if you committed to knowing and doing HIS Will, you will know) Phil. 2:13

- G. Do not be _____ with wine (or anything else; lust, pride, anger, fear, selfishness, jealousy, greed) for that is _____.
(a complete, dumb _____) **What are you filled with?**
- I. But be _____ with the Spirit. (if you are NOT Spirit-filled, and Spirit-controlled, you will _____ on being what GOD wants you to be.)

4. **Pastor's Counsel:**

- A. Paul stated that we are not _____, and that our bodies are _____ of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 6:18-19 - Either we are true Temples, or we are not.
- B. There is a real difference between people who are _____, and people who are living a _____, Spirit-filled life.
- C. Some of us are _____ of opening up to the Holy Spirit because we want to _____.
1. We are concerned about _____, and giving up control can be _____. We may be _____ with what GOD did in Acts 2, when people spoke in languages they had never learned.
 2. Our Western minds think, "I will serve the LORD, but I will remain _____ as I serve HIM." The irony of the Spirit-filled life is that we have to _____, in order to gain a greater power.
 3. The Holy Spirit is the Father's _____. Acts 1:4. HE is our _____. John 14:66 We desperately need HIS _____, (Acts 1:8) HIS _____ (1 Cor. 12,14), and HIS _____. (Gal. 5:22-23)
 4. When GOD _____ of a person or a church, HE takes control through the Holy Spirit. HE is the _____ sent by the Father to help us. John 14:16 The Holy Spirit _____ do HIS job, as long as you are in control, which means you will miss out on the exciting life GOD meant for you to have.
 5. We cannot _____ JESUS without the fullness of the Spirit. Jn 15:5
 6. The first step is to _____, and let HIM fill you.

