

# ANSWERING THE CALL

## HOW CAN I BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

There is no one 'formula' for receiving the Holy Spirit. You are filled with the Holy Spirit by faith! How did you become a Christian? By faith! (Eph 2:8)  
We receive Christ by faith.

We walk by faith.

Everything we do from the moment we we're born again until we leave this physical world, is by faith!  
If you desire to live a life that's pleasing to the Lord; If you're willing to surrender your whole life to the will of God, trusting that His ways will satisfy you; If you're willing to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you & obediently follow where He directs, then you can be filled with the Holy Spirit right now, wherever you are. Just ask the Father (*1 John 5:14-15*)...& receive the Holy Spirit by **FATH!**

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“...be filled with the Spirit.”  
Ephesians 5:18

## WHAT IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

It is the empowering for service that takes place in the life of a Christian (Acts 1:5,8). When you're baptized in the Holy Spirit, you are immersed in the His Life & Power!

## I THOUGHT I RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN I WAS BORN AGAIN?

The moment you received Christ, you received the indwelling Spirit. Through the Spirit, you were born again as a Child of God & by the Spirit you were baptized into the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:13). Being baptized or filled with the Spirit however, is not a once-for-all experience. When God commanded in Eph 5:18 to “be filled with the Holy Spirit”, the original language in which this command was written means to be constantly & continually filled, controlled & empowered with the Holy Spirit as a way of life.

When you're born again, you receive the Gift of the indwelling Spirit Who reproduces the Life of Jesus in you. When you receive the Baptism, or outpouring of the Holy Spirit, He begins to reproduce the Ministry of Christ in you...constantly!

## WHY DO I NEED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

You need power beyond yourself for service & for ministry! Jesus knew the importance of this gift so much so, that immediately after He gave the Great Commission, He commanded His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for what the Father promised (Acts 1:4-8). They received this Promised Gift, the baptizing of the Holy Spirit, on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). Being filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples began to speak in other tongues, move in miraculous signs & wonders, & witness with incredible zeal & boldness. You could, in your own strength, strive to live in obedience to Christ & do the Great Commission, but you'd only have a limited measure of success. Why undertake a supernatural task using human, natural, finite, limited power?

Jesus said those who believe in Him would do even greater works that He did! (John 14:12,13). The Holy Spirit is the One Who will empower you to do these great works! He is freely available to you, to enable you to live a holy & fruitful life for Jesus Christ!

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN I RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with the life & power of Christ! You will begin to speak with other tongues (Acts 2:4, 10:46, 19:6). Your life will begin to bear an increasing abundance of fruit! (John 15:8, Gal 5:22,23). You will have no reason to fear anything anymore!(1 John 4:4). All the power that enabled Jesus to heal the sick, to command the elements of nature, to live a life that pleased the Father, to conquer death...will be at work in you!

## I OFTEN HEAR ABOUT SPEAKING IN TONGUES. WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Speaking in tongues is the initial, supernatural sign or evidence of the Holy Spirit's indwelling. It's the divine communication between you & God which only the Holy Spirit can interpret. When you speak in tongues, you are edifying or building yourself up spiritually. (1 Cor 14:2-4). The word 'edify' also means 'to charge'. Constantly speaking & praying in tongues, charges & quickens your spiritual senses; you'll be increasingly open to the Spirit's wise promptings.

Praying in tongues brings clarity & keeps your prayers in line with God's perfect will (Rom 8:26).

Praying in the Spirit also helps at times when you're prompted to pray, but don't know what to pray for. The Holy Spirit knows everything & He makes intercession on your behalf.

Speaking & praying in tongues gives spiritual refreshing. Constant use of this powerful spiritual gift yields countless blessings!

