

Be Filled with the Spirit

When we are born again, we are born of the Spirit. (See John 3:5) The Holy Spirit lives within us. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1Co 3:16) "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which* is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1Co 6:19)

Even though we have the Spirit inside of us, we are not always filled with the Spirit.

Read Galatians 5:16-25 to see the difference between walking in the Spirit and walking in the flesh.

Give examples of the two dogs; one named spirit and the other named flesh. Whichever one gets fed will be the strongest.

Ephesians 5:18-21 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

How are we filled with the Spirit? We let Him control our life. We let Him lead and guide us and have His way in our lives. We align our lives with God and His word. Feed on God's Word. We don't give in to the flesh (sinful desires).

Peter was filled with the Spirit. (Acts 4:8)

Peter and John were forbidden to speak about Jesus (Acts 4:18-21,29)

They were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke God's word with boldness (4:31,33) Great power; great grace (gratitude).

It is possible to grieve the Spirit or quench the Spirit. (See Eph. 4:30 and 1 Thess. 5:19) I would say this happens as we walk after the flesh and not in the Spirit.

Acts 5:1-11 tells us the story of Ananias and Saphira. Verse 3 describes Ananias as having a heart filled with Satan and lying to the Holy Ghost. Verse 9 says that they tempted the Spirit of the Lord. (See John 16:13 ".the Spirit of truth...will guide you into all truth.")

Romans 15:13-14 "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."