

# The unfolding of God's Word

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Psalms 119:130

The man wishing, he had my enthusiasm (personification)

A lot of times the Holy Spirit gets the least amount of respect out of all the Trinity even though it's his part that's at the forefront of our Christian walks today let me explain God the father started it, God the Son finished it and God the Holy Spirit sealed it.

## ➤ **The difference between the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Holy Spirit**

The difference -Water illustration

**1st bottle** ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:23

**2nd bottle** ~ Ephesians 1:13,

**3rd bottle** ~ Acts 13:52 continually FILLED with joy and Holy Spirit

~Yield to His Control, follow His Guidance and live in His POWER

~ Ask the father ~ Luke 11:9-13

~One body One Spirit ~ Ephesians 4:4-6

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## ➤ **Part #2**

The Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13) was one of the most phenomenal and important events in all of history, for it was the day of "the coming of the Holy Spirit." Jesus had deliberately prepared the disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Throughout the Bible, the revelation of the indwelling Spirit had been progressive (Joel 2:28-29, Luke 3:16, Acts 4:8, etc.).

However, there's a portion of Scripture that refers to the filling of the Holy Spirit is Ephesians 5:17-21:

In these verses being filled with the Spirit is contrasted with being filled or drunk with wine. The idea is one of being controlled by God's Spirit rather than by other forces. When we are filled by the Spirit, we see a resultant attitude of joy and thanksgiving. We also see a relational posture of humility toward God and of submission to one another.

So how can a person be filled with the Holy Spirit? To be clear, there is an important difference between the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the filling of the Holy Spirit. All believers in Jesus Christ have God's Spirit living within them, or dwelling within them (1 John 4:12-14, John 7:37-39, John 14:16-17, Ephesians 1:13, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 4:30); but not all believers live filled or controlled by the Spirit's power. Some Christians describe this distinction by saying believers have all of the Holy Spirit but the Holy Spirit may not have all of them. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit at the time of our salvation but we are filled by Him when we submit to Him.

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➤ **Part #3**

The filling of the Holy Spirit, then, can vary in the life of each believer. Negatively, a believer in Christ can "quench" or "grieve" the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30). Sinful actions can hinder the work of God's Spirit in his or her life. In contrast, when a believer in Christ lives in obedience to God's will and commands, he or she should expect to see God's Spirit living through them.

Some suggest that the filling of the Holy Spirit is an emotional experience that takes place at certain moments, but the concept of "filling" in Scripture is one of being controlled or influenced by the Holy Spirit. At times living

a Spirit-filled life may include emotional or mountain-top experiences. But the idea of being filled by the Spirit is more about an ongoing sense of God's Spirit working in a person's life, not a one-time experience. As the believer lives out his or her faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit increasingly controls or fills his or her life; this leads to joy, thankfulness, and right relationships.

**Do you seek the filling of the Spirit daily? That is, do you yield to His control, follow His guidance, live in His power?**

1. Being filled is a repeated experience. Being filled by God's Spirit is something you must continually ask God to do. **Acts 13:52**

2. Being filled can be for specific times and assignments. **Acts 4:8**

3. Being filled is for all believers but only affects those who are yielded to God. **Galatians 5:25**

4. Being filled can in effect be lost when believers are rebelling against the will of God in their lives. **1**

**Thessalonians 5:19**

5. Being filled can be renewed through repentance. **Acts 3:19**

6. Being filled results in the power of the Spirit at work in your life. **Romans 8:5-6, 8:13-14**

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