

## **How Believers in Jesus Become the Temple of God; The Infilling of the Holy Spirit**

**Where the Holy Spirit of God dwells is the temple of God; and Jesus said: for, behold the kingdom of God is within you! (Luke 17:21)**

*Paul reminds converts to Christ Jesus of the heritage freely given of God when they first believed:*

**1Co 3:16** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

*The down payment from God that seals His promise for everyone to see until the resurrection of them that believe, confess the Gospel of Jesus, and are bought with His sacrificial blood:*

**2Co 1:21** Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God;

**2Co 1:22** Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest (*or down payment*) of the (*Holy*) Spirit in our hearts.

*The prophecy of “The Temple of God”; given among men, and then unto the people of God that believe:*

**Joe 2:27** And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

**Joe 2:28** And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

**Joe 2:29** And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

*When did the man Jesus become the, “Temple of God” among men; being fill with the Holy Spirit without measure?*

**Mat 3:16** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

**Mar 1:10** And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

**Luk 3:22** And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

**Joh 1:32** And John (*the Baptist*) bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it (*the Holy Spirit*) abode upon him (*in other words John the Baptist witnessed the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus, but he never witnessed the Holy Spirit lift from Jesus!*).

*Before the time of these verses above (Mat 3:16, Mar 1:10, Luke 3:22, John 1:32), there is no record of Jesus performing any miracles; which evidence the presence of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we would expect none of Jesus followers would show forth*

*signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit until after Acts 2:1, when the Holy Spirit is given on the day of Pentecost, to those that believed!*

*Jesus referred to Himself as the Temple of God, and those unbelieving that heard Him had no idea that he was talking about His body, rather than the temple building at Jerusalem.*

**Joh 2:18** Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things (*miracles?*)? (*One would think that the miracles would have been sign enough? Nevertheless, Jesus told them of the sign they asked of Him in this next verse*)

**Joh 2:19** Jesus answered and said unto them, **Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up** (*the unbelieving Jews asked Jesus for a sign; but when he told them they misunderstood this sign, and chose not to believe*).

**Joh 2:20** Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

**Joh 2:21** But he spake of the temple of his body (*and I am convinced the rebuilding of the temple building in three day would have been no task at all for Him, compared to His resurrection*).

**Joh 2:22** When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they (*his disciples*) believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

*When did converts to Jesus (the Church) become the Temple of God, and what does being the Temple of God mean?*

**Act 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they (*followers of Jesus*) were all with one accord in one place.

**Act 2:2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it (*the wind, the Holy Spirit in the wind*) filled all the house where they were sitting.

**Act 2:3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them (*filling them with the Holy Spirit*).

*The Temple of God shown forth of those that believed for forgiveness of sin by the sacrificial blood of Jesus*

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**Act 2:4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (*This is evidence, and/ or sign of being baptized/ filled with the Holy Spirit!*)

*But rejection of this infilling is to deny the honor God bestows of being “the Temple of God”. And the question some have asked is whether the person rejecting the infilling of the Holy Spirit is saved? My opinion is: whether one shows forth this evidence/ sign, or not, does not definitely disprove one’s salvation, because salvation depends upon one’s belief in Jesus, and His sacrificial blood for forgiveness of sin, alone! It is also worth while to consider the thief on the cross when he asked Jesus to remember him (Luke 23:42 and 23:43). This man showed*

*no sign/ evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit, yet Jesus told the man that he would be in paradise with Him (Jesus) today.*

*But the Holy Spirit is from God, so I do not understand why anyone, truly converted to believing the Gospel of Jesus, would not welcome the Holy Spirit; except because of a lack of knowledge!*

*This reminds me of the situation in John 3:18, where Peter declared to Jesus, “Thou shalt never wash my feet”, but “Jesus answered him, **If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.**” And so, if one rejects the Holy Spirit, how is their relationship with Jesus impacted? No one gets to choose what part of salvation’s plan they shall accept, or reject. It is all the plan of God! And who is qualified to instruct Him?*

*This sign of speaking with tongues is also the most common evidence of one being the Temple of God. The Apostle Paul talks about other signs in depth. Study 1Corinthians Chapter 12, 13, and 14; but there are other references too. And I also remind you of miracles at the hands of Jesus, and later miracles at the hands of His apostles. These are all signs/ evidences of the Holy Spirit).*

*Then these next verses, Acts 2:5 through 2:18 show forth more signs of the presence of God the Holy Spirit!*

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**Act 2:5** And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

**Act 2:6** Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language (*sign/ evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit which allow these men to hear their own language being spoken*).

**Act 2:7** And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

**Act 2:8** And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

**Act 2:9** Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

**Act 2:10** Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

**Act 2:11** Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

**Act 2:12** And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

**Act 2:13** Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine (*sign/ evidence of the Holy Spirit. These men did not hear as the other did; perhaps the Holy Spirit was not pleased with their hearts of unbelief, and as a result did not open their ears?*).

**Act 2:14** But Peter (*being filled with the Holy Spirit*), standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

**Act 2:15** For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

**Act 2:16** But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel (*Joel 2:27 through 2:29*);

**Act 2:17** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

**Act 2:18** And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

***And then there is the initial sign and evidence of the Holy Spirit given Saul of Tarsus, who became the Apostle Paul. His was unlike any other described in Scripture! And Paul remained blind until it pleased the Lord Jesus to restore his sight, by the laying on of hands, of a fellow disciple (Ananias of Damascus): Study Acts Chapter 9!***

***Do not reject the Holy Spirit; Jesus did not send Him just so you may have something to brag about, but He is the might of God to your benefit, and those around you when you believe according to the will of God!***

**Luk 17:17** And Jesus answering said, **Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?**

**Luk 17:18** **There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.**

**Luk 17:19** And he said unto him, **Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.**

**Luk 17:20** And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:**

**Luk 17:21** **Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

**1Co 3:16** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

***Need I say more?***

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