

# THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

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Acts 1:8, 2:4; Ephesians 5:18

Whether you are a student, entrepreneur, worker or homemaker instead of depending on your limited wisdom and resources in handling your daily situation, Jesus made available a key where you can download from heaven His wisdom and direction: The Spirit-filled Life.

The Spirit-filled life has 2 aspects: **Spirit-empowered** – Baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; 2:4) and **Spirit-controlled** (Ephesians 5:18). And to be "...filled with the Spirit" is not just an invitation; it is a **COMMAND**. In the original Greek verb this is in the imperative. In other words, "You **MUST** be filled with the Spirit".

**IT IS A MISUNDERSTOOD COMMAND** - It is misunderstood as just a ONE-TIME Event! The verb "be filled with the Spirit" is a continuous tense: "You **MUST** be filled with the Spirit **CONTINUALLY**".

**IT IS A SPIRITUALLY VITAL COMMAND** - E. Stanley Jones (missionary in India) rightly said: "Pentecost is not a spiritual luxury. It is an utter necessity for human living. The human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit fills. It is Pentecost or failure." Most Christians do not understand the true benefits of speaking in tongues, nor why this gift is so valuable. Here are some biblical reasons why we need this wonderful gift of praying or singing in tongues:

1. Jesus commanded us to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:4; 5:32; John 14:16-17; Ephesians 5:18).
2. The Scriptures exhort us to be filled with the Spirit and to pray in the new tongues of our spirit language. (Gal. 5:22-25; Romans 8:14; 1 Cor. 12:7-11; 14:15; Ephesians 5:18; Acts 19:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18).
3. The Holy Spirit directs our spirit language to pray in accordance with the will of God. (Romans 8:27; 1 John 5:14-15).
4. Praying in our spirit language is the main way we fulfill the scriptural admonition to "pray without ceasing." (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17; Matthew 26:41; Luke 18:1; 21:36; 1 Corinthians 14:15).

Pastor Clayton Golliher, founder of 'Hope For Homeless Youth' and "Technology From Heaven Inventors Club" testified of the creative power of prayer in other tongues. He attributed to the success of the inventions to:

- We have an open heaven given to us because of the finished work of Christ on the Cross.
- We engage in intimacy with Father God.
- Get filled with His Holy Spirit, and pray in the tongues, which brings God's creative downloads giving us inventions and many other concepts.

**IT IS A DO-ABLE COMMAND** - Three Crucial Steps To Be Filled By The Holy Spirit (S.O.S.)

**S** CRIPTURES – I acknowledge God's command.

**O** BEDIENCE – I obey God's Command.

**S** PEAK OUT – I speak as the Holy Spirit gives me the utterance.

Today let us together obey His command, embrace and walk in the power of the Spirit-filled life.