

AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP
MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Topic: Going Deeper - The Role of The Holy Spirit
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Intro: We will continue class #2 of Going Deeper - The Role Of The Holy Spirit

If you were with us last week you'll know that we began to lay the groundwork for today's class which has to do with the very important work of The Holy Spirit in our lives known as **The Filling Of The Holy Spirit**.

Let's do a quick review.

Last week we covered the following:

1. Going Deeper defined - Developing a closer walk (Relationship) with God, through faith in Christ and equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do so.
2. We said that The Holy Spirit in our lives yields great profit, benefit and advantage.
3. We said that that The Holy Spirit as the third person of the Holy Trinity is a divine personal being (not an impersonal force)
4. We went over the word Spirit and how the word means Wind or Gale and that it has this sense of a **driving force**.
5. We spoke of His involvement with the deep things of God. He knows and reveals them.
6. We examined the role/work of the Holy Spirit in the creation account in Genesis 1:1-2 and we focused on two things that The Holy Spirit specializes in:
 - He brings Order out of Formlessness, He brings Fullness out of Emptiness and He brings Light out of darkness.
 - He makes a place that was suitable and of beauty for God and man to fellowship in. By the work of the Holy Spirit the world and Eden become a temple for the worship of God and man becomes the chief Worshipper.
 - Regarding points A & B The Holy Spirit does this in the corporate life of the church and in the individual life of the believer through His divine work known as The Filling Of The Holy Spirit.

THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 5:18 "Do not be drunk with wine for that is dissipation and it will ruin your life; but be continually filled/influenced by the Holy Spirit"

Point # 1 The obvious contrast between the effects of wine and the effects of the Holy Spirit.

Point # 2 Notice the words 'Do Not' and 'Be'. They are imperatives (commands)

Point # 3 **Dissipation** - Greek: Asotos which refers to a man who is wasteful and extravagantly spends all of his energy, time and wealth on personal pleasure and in the end ruins himself. One who is **ásotos** spends the maximum amount of his time and energy in doing little or nothing of value. It also carries this idea of prodigal living and drunken revelry and rioting. It is the worst of vices and it's main characteristic is a lack of restraint.

Point # 4 **Be filled** - Greek: **Pleroo** Literally it means to be filled to the brim. Figuratively speaking, especially in light of the contrast that Paul uses it in Ephesians 5:18 it means to be controlled by that which "fills" one's heart and mind.

Point # 5 The original Greek the command to 'Be Continually Filled' is written in the present tense and can literally be re-written and understood as '**keep on being filled**' or "**be being kept filled**". The Ephesians understood that the filling was not only a one time event nor was it an event to be experienced in the future. Paul taught the Ephesians that this filling of the Spirit is the norm for Christian life and that we could not have a deeper walk with God without it.

A more transliteral interpretation of Ephesians 5:18 is : Stop getting drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be continually, constantly, moment by moment, filled with and controlled by the Spirit.

➤ **NOTE : The filling of the Holy Spirit does not mean that we get more of the Holy Spirit, it has everything to do with the Holy Spirit getting more of us!**

METHOD - What is the method of the Filling of The Holy Spirit?

The bible doesn't not exactly give us a step by step block of instruction on how to be filled with the Holy Spirit but we can definitely glean from many passages in scripture.

Being that we spent some time in Genesis 2:7 last week let's go there to see what we find.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Point # 1 In Adam's pre-animate state there is:

- Need & Desire (when your need to be filled with the Spirit becomes your great desire, you will be filled. Over and over again)
- Yieldedness - The act of surrendering to a superior power
- Emptiness - An abandoning of self
- Filling - The Word of God, Prayer, Worship, Praise & Thanksgiving and Service

What the Filling of the Spirit looks like - It looks like Christlikeness

Let's wrap up our class by examining a few verses of how the Filling of The Holy Spirit looked like in the life of Jesus.

- Jesus Christ was begotten of the Holy Spirit. We read in Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.
- Jesus Christ led a holy and spotless life and offered Himself without spot to God through the working of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus Christ was anointed and fitted for service by the Holy Spirit. Acts 10:38 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him."

- Jesus Christ was led by the Holy Spirit in His movements here upon earth Luke 4:1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness
- The filling of the Holy Spirit is the prerequisite for operating in the power of the Holy Spirit Luke 4:14 Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.
- Jesus Christ was taught by the Spirit who rested upon Him Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
- The Holy Spirit abode upon Jesus in all His fullness and the words He spoke in consequence were the very words of God. John 3:34 “For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.
- Jesus Christ wrought His miracles here on earth in the power of the Holy Spirit Matt 12:28 I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”
- It was by the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

THE SAME FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT COMPLETED AND MARKED THE HUMANITY OF JESUS MUST ALSO COMPLETE AND MARK OUR OWN LIVES.