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Work of the Holy Spirit After Salvation

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Today's class covers the first part of the right column:

The Holy Spirit¹

Before Salvation	At Salvation	After Salvation
Convicts – John 16:8-9	Regenerates (New Birth) — John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5-6 Indwells (permanently) — John 7:37-39; Romans 5:5; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Baptizes into Christ — Mark 1:7-8; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27 Seals for Salvation — 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30	Fills (not permanent; can be re-filled with Holy Spirit) — Acts 4:8; 4:31; 6:3; 13:9; 13:52; Ephesians 4:30 Matures — Romans 8:13; Zechariah 4:6; Galatians 5:16, 22-25; Romans 12:9-21 Gifts for Service — 1 Corinthians 12:4, 7-11; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Peter 4:10

The Holy Spirit Fills

The **filling** and the **baptism** of the Holy Spirit (last week) are not the same thing.

1. Christians can be **refilled** with the Holy Spirit.

The **baptism** of the Spirit—along with regeneration, indwelling and sealing—all

¹ Adapted from Norman L. Geisler and Jason Jimenez, *The Bible's Answers to 100 of Life's Biggest Questions* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2015), 90-92.

happens **one-time** to all believers at the moment of salvation.² But the **filling of the Holy Spirit** can happen **many times** during a Christian's walk with God.

- a. We see **refilling** of the Holy Spirit in the book of **Acts**.

Acts 2:4 says "**All of them** were filled with the Holy Spirit."

Then Acts 4:31 says, "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and spoke the word of God boldly."

- b. The Bible **commands** us to be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 – "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled** with the Spirit..."

ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι – **present, passive, imperative**, second person, plural.

This "is a present imperative, commanding [us] to be '**continually being filled.**' This indicates it is not a one-time experience but rather a repeated event."³

In comparison, the Bible never commands us to be **indwelled** by the Holy Spirit. But it says **all genuine Christians are indwelled** by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:9; 1 Jn. 2:20, 27; 4:13).

2. The filling of the Holy Spirit is **conditional**.

The reason the **filling of the Holy Spirit** can happen many times during a Christian's walk is because it's conditional.

Conditions?

- a. **Don't quench** the Spirit.

1 Thess. 5:19 – "Do not **quench** [σβέννυμα] the Spirit."

² Some disagree that Holy Spirit baptism happens to all believers at the time of salvation. See Q & A.

³ Paul P. Enns, *The Moody Handbook of Theology* (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1989), 279.

In context, Paul is giving commands like **be patient** (1 Thess. 5:14), **pursue good** (v. 15), **rejoice** always (v. 16), **pray** without ceasing (v. 17), give **thanks** (v. 18), etc.

sbennumia (σβέννυμα): “to extinguish a fire, to put out a fire.”⁴

b. Don't grieve the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30 – “And **do not grieve** [*lupeo*] the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Same as before; Paul is giving a list of commands. We should not **lie** (Eph. 4:25), have unrighteous **anger** towards each other (vv. 26, 27), **steal** (v. 28), have **corrupt speech** (v. 29). In short,

lupeo (λυπέω) – “to cause someone to be **sad, sorrowful, or distressed**”⁵

c. Walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16 – “So I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

All the above can be summarized with the word: **yielding**.

3. Result of being filled with the Spirit.

a. His filling will affect our ministry.

The entire books of Acts shows the Holy Spirit working through people.

Acts 4:8 – “Then **Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them [the Sanhedrin]: “Rulers and elders of the people!”

Acts 4:31 – “After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **spoke the word of God boldly.**”

⁴ Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains* (New York: United Bible Societies, 1996), 178.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 317.

Stephen was made bold by the filling of the Holy Spirit. Acts 7:55 – But Stephen, **full of the Holy Spirit**, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

QUESTION: Have you ever been especially aware of the Holy Spirit’s empowering in a specific situation of ministry?⁶

b. His filling will affect our maturity.

Much of our maturity is the result of **godly habits** developed over time. But there are instances where the Holy Spirit can/will fill us for advancing in our **Christian maturity** (e.g., overcoming an addiction, learning how to control our anger, etc.)

- The Bible mentions the “**fruit** of the Spirit.”

Galatians 5:22–24 – “But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.”

Leo Giovanetti: “If you’re filled with the Spirit, you’ll be nice to your wife. You’ll do the dishes. You’ll take out the trash without asking.”

The Holy Spirit Matures Us

1. The Holy Spirit matures us through a process called sanctification.

- a. **Sanctification** – means the process of being made **holy** (set apart).

1 Thess. 4:3 – “For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**” (ἁγιασμός)

hagiasmos (ἁγιασμός): to be consecrated, dedicated or **set apart** to the **service and loyalty** of God.⁷

Peter says this process is through the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1:2 – [we] “have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through the sanctifying work of the Spirit**, to be obedient

⁶ Question comes from Wayne A. Grudem, *Systematic Theology* (England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; Zondervan, 2004), 649.

⁷ Paraphrase of Louw and Nida, *Greek-English Lexicon*, 537.

to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood...”

Paul likewise said sanctification comes through the Holy Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 – “...God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the **sanctifying work of the Spirit** and through belief in the truth.”

- b. Sanctification **starts** at regeneration (being born-again).

Three Types of Salvation⁸

Past Tense	Present Tense	Future Tense
Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Saved immediately from sin's penalty	Saved progressively from sin's power	Saved ultimately from sin's presence
Details: This is being declared righteous. Happens at moment of regeneration, indwelling, baptism, sealing.	Details: This is the ongoing process of being made holy.	Details: This will happen when we receive our resurrected body.

- Sanctification involves **yielding more and more** of us to God over the years.

GREAT BOOKLET: Robert Boyd Munger, *My Heart-Christ's Home* (Dovers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 1986).

- c. Sanctification finally **ends** when we receive our **resurrected, sinless body** in the future (glorification).

Paul was a model Christian. But even **Paul had not reached complete sanctification** in this life.

Philippians 3:12-14 – “**Not that I have already obtained** all this [a perfect, resurrected state], or have already arrived at my goal, but **I press on** to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, **I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it**. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 **I press on**

⁸ Adapted from Thomas Nelson Publishers, *Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps & Charts: Old and New Testaments*, Rev. and updated ed. (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1996).

toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

2. Until we receive our new sinless body, the Holy Spirit is involved in our maturing process in many ways.

- a. The Holy Spirit **transforms** us.

2 Corinthians 3:18 – “And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are **being transformed into his image** with ever-increasing glory, which comes from **the Lord, who is the Spirit.**”

This sheds light on another verse:

Romans 12:2 – “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind.** [i.e., This happens through sanctification of Holy Spirit]”

- b. The Holy Spirit strengthens our **inner** being.

Ephesians 3:16–17 – “I pray that out of his glorious riches **he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being**, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”

The result is Christ dwelling in our hearts more and more!

- c. The Holy Spirit **illuminates** our minds.

Illumination means He “lights up” our understanding of Scripture so we can understand it the way God intended.

1 Corinthians 2:12-14

“What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that **we may understand** what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in **words taught by the Spirit**, explaining spiritual realities with **Spirit-taught words**. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and **cannot understand them** because they are **discerned only through the Spirit.**”

QUESTION: Are there times when certain Scripture passages seem to come alive and powerfully speak to you?⁹

d. The Holy Spirit **guides us**.

- We see the Holy Spirit **guided the apostles** into the remaining truth Jesus wanted to give them (which we have in the New Testament).

John 16:13 – “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, **he will guide you** into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

- We see the Holy Spirit’s guidance in Acts.

Acts 8:29 – “Then the **Spirit said to Philip**, ‘Go up and join this chariot.’”

Acts 13:2 – “...the **Holy Spirit** said, ‘**Set apart** for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’”

Acts 16:6 – [Paul was] “**kept by the Holy Spirit** from preaching the word in the province of Asia.”

- It’s reasonable to think He can guide us today too.

e. The Holy Spirit produces **fruit** in us.

Galatians 5:22–23 – “But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

“**Fruit**” reminds us that these qualities are **produced in us** by the Holy Spirit.

John 15:1,4,5 – “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener... **Remain in me**, as I also remain in you. **No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.** I am the vine; you are the branches. **If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**”

⁹ Adapted from Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 650.

Questions & Answers

Is there another view for Holy Spirit baptism?

Yes! The view that Spirit baptism happens to all believers at regeneration is how I was taught in three schools (San Diego Christian College, Southern California Seminary and Veritas International University).

Some, however, disagree with the view that all believers are baptized by the Holy Spirit at salvation (regeneration). They see the Baptism of the Spirit as a “**second blessing**” or “second work of grace” which is available to all but not all obtain.

In short, those holding to a **second blessing of Holy Spirit baptism** do think every Christian is indwelled with the Spirit, but not every believer is baptized by the Spirit.

Chuck Smith held this view.¹⁰ He taught that the disciples became permanently indwelled by the Holy Spirit in John 20:22 when Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” He said they were later baptized with the Spirit in Acts 2.

Many who hold this view believe **tongues** is the evidence a person has received this second blessing.¹¹

¹⁰ See Chuck Smith, *Living Water* (Santa Ana, CA: The Word for Today, 2001), 278

¹¹ See Lightner, *Handbook of Evangelical Theology*, 121.

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