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TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” (John 7:37–38)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	The Holy Spirit came down on the Day of Pentecost and transformed many lives, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Speaking in tongues is evidence of receiving the Holy Spirit.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is Spirit. The Holy Spirit is like living water.
<i>Good Works</i>	Determine to pray for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Devote yourself to a Spirit-filled life by allowing the Spirit to transform you.

A. Filled with the Holy Spirit

1. <i>During Pentecost</i> (Acts 2:2–4)	a. Where were the disciples and what were they doing? b. Describe what the Holy Spirit was like.
2. <i>In Samaria</i> (Acts 8:14–24)	a. What did Peter and John do for the Samaritan believers? b. After rebuking Simon, how did Peter refer to the Spirit?
3. <i>Paul</i> (Acts 7:57–58; 8:3; 9:1–2, 17–20)	a. Describe what Saul was like before he received the Holy Spirit. b. Read Acts 9:17–18 again. How can we be sure that Paul was filled with the Spirit?
4. <i>In Ephesus</i> (Acts 19:1–7)	a. What is the difference between the baptism of John and baptism in the name of Jesus Christ? b. What were outward signs that the believers in Ephesus had received the Spirit of God?
5. <i>Cornelius</i> (Acts 10:44–46)	a. Why were the Jews astonished when Cornelius and his friends and family received the Holy Spirit?

B. Receiving the Holy Spirit

The path to receiving the Holy Spirit has not changed since the time of the apostolic church. We must: believe in God and His word; repent of our sins; be baptized for the remission of sins; and pray earnestly and persistently to God to fill us with His Spirit. It is also important to examine ourselves and see if there is anything blocking His Spirit from entering us.

C. Filling Ourselves with the Holy Spirit

Receiving the Holy Spirit does not guarantee that we will be filled by the Spirit (1 Cor 3:1–3). Pursuing the fullness of the Spirit means submitting to His guidance, allowing God to rule in us, and living a life that is pleasing to Him. It is a life-long process and a constant transformation of our lives, like a never-ending river of living water (Jn 7:37–38).

Life Application

1. **A Spirit-Filled Christian:** We must learn to let the Holy Spirit work in our lives. What top three areas do you need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit in?
2. **Am I Transformed?** Like the apostles, our lives should be transformed in accordance with God’s will when we receive the Holy Spirit.

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Lesson 4 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (John 7:37–38):

1. In what way is the filling of the Spirit like a river of living water?

2. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, _____, peace, longsuffering, _____, goodness, _____, gentleness, _____. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desire. If we live in the Spirit, let us also _____ in the Spirit.” (Galatians 5:22–25)

3. Give three examples from the New Testament of how the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

4. How do we pursue the fullness of the Holy Spirit?

5. A Spirit-filled Christian is:
 - a. Devoted to _____, _____, _____, and _____.
 - b. Dedicated to _____ God and _____ for God.
 - c. And is determined to _____, to _____, and to _____.