

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Understanding the Preposition

Romans 8:9-11

⁹ But you are not in the flesh but **in the Spirit**, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And **if Christ *is* in you**, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. 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 ^[a]through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Matthew 3:11

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit [\[a\]](#)**and fire.

John 14:15-18

¹⁵ “If you love Me, [\[a\]](#)keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another [\[b\]](#)Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for **He dwells with you** and **will be in you**. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In the Old Testament

Judges 3:9-11

⁹ When the children of Israel cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the children of Israel, who delivered them: **Othniel** the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. ¹⁰ **The Spirit of the Lord came upon him**, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the Lord delivered Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim. ¹¹ So the land had rest for forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Judges 6:33-35

³³ Then all the Midianites and Amalekites, the people of the East, gathered together; and they crossed over and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. ³⁴ **But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon;** then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him. ³⁵ And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also gathered behind him. He also sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

Judges 11:28-30

²⁸ However, the king of the people of Ammon did not heed the words which Jephthah sent him. ²⁹ **Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah**, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced *toward* the people of Ammon. ³⁰ And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord, and said, “If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands,

Judges 14:18-20

¹⁸ So the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down:

“What *is* sweeter than honey?
And what *is* stronger than a lion?”

And he said to them:

“If you had not plowed with my heifer,
You would not have solved my riddle!”

¹⁹ **Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon him** mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men, took their apparel, and gave the changes *of clothing* to those who had explained the riddle. So his anger was aroused, and he went back up to his father’s house. ²⁰ And **Samson’s** wife was *given* to his companion, who had been his best man.

1 Samuel 10:9-11

⁹ So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God [\[a\]](#)gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day. ¹⁰ When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; **then the Spirit of God came upon him**, and he prophesied among them. ¹¹ And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, “What *is* this *that* has come upon the son of Kish? **Is Saul** also among the prophets?”

1 Samuel 16:12-14

¹² So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with [\[a\]](#)bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and **the Spirit of the Lord came upon David** from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 19:19-21

¹⁹ Now it was told Saul, saying, “Take note, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah!” ²⁰ Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* leader over them, **the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul**, and they also prophesied. ²¹ And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also

2 Chronicles 15:1-3

Now **the Spirit of God came upon Azariah** the son of Oded. ² And he went out [\[a\]](#)to meet Asa, and said to him: “Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord *is* with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. ³ For a long time Israel *has been* without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law

The New Testament

Acts 1:7-9

⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power **when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be [\[a\]](#)witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 19:5-7

⁵ When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, **the Holy Spirit came upon them**, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. ⁷ Now the men were about twelve in all.

HOW?

Acts 8:14-19

¹⁴ Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For as **yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

¹⁷ Then they laid **hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.**

¹⁸ And when Simon saw that **through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given**, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

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Ephesians 5:17-21

¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit**, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of [\[a\]](#)God.

“be filled” with the Holy Spirit

Πληρόω (*plēroō*)

The verb is present passive imperative and could be rendered, “**be being filled**” or “**be kept being filled.**”

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WHY?

Romans 7:14-8:1

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. ¹⁶ If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. ¹⁷ But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that **in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.** ¹⁹ For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. ²³ **But I see another law in my members**, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

8 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who^[a] do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:22-25

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ [\[a\]](#)gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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