

THE HOLY SPIRIT - PART VIII
“So what are you full of?” Holy Spirit Filling
Reference: **Ephesians 5:18**
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Some people confuse Holy Spirit-baptism and the filling of the Holy Spirit; the fact is these terms are totally different concepts.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit	The Filling of the Holy Spirit
Happens once	Can happen many times
Past event	Present reality
For all believers	For obedient believers
Never commanded	Is commanded
Positional truth	Experiential and practical
Places the believer into the Body of Christ	Enables believers to live for Christ
Holy Spirit is resident in the life	Holy Spirit is President of the life
Brings into union	Brings about communion
Identification with Christ	Fellowship with Christ
Instantaneous act of God at Salvation	Repeated experience when a believer is fully yielded
Finished work	Improves the product
Greek Grammar in I Cor. 12:13	Greek Grammar in Ephesians 5:18
Aorist: once-for-all action of the Holy Spirit	Present: continuous ministry of the Holy Spirit
Single act of placing into Christ and into the Body of Christ	Diverse ministry in helping believers serve the Body of Christ

Reference: **Ephesians 5:18**, "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,"

Four statements about being Spirit filled.

One...Being Spirit-filled is a _____ not a _____.
In a grammatical sense, this command is in the imperative mood.
This means that it is not optional.

Two...Being Spirit-filled is _____ of all Christians.
Notice that this command is in the plural form, not the singular.

Three...Being Spirit-filled is something that God _____

Reference: **Zechariah 4:6**, "So he answered and said to me: 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: "Not by might nor by power, but by **My Spirit**," says the LORD of Hosts.'"

Four...Being Spirit-filled is to be an _____.
In Greek, this command is also in the present tense.

Question: What does it mean to be "Spirit-filled"?

The word "filled" is used throughout the New Testament, and it's interesting just how that word is used.

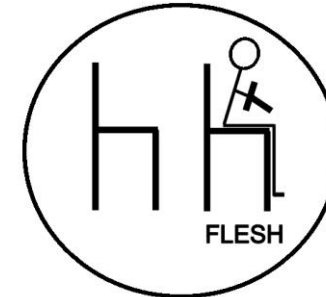
Reference: **Luke 4:28** and **29**

verse twenty eight, "So all those in the synagogue, when **they** heard these things, **were filled with wrath**,"

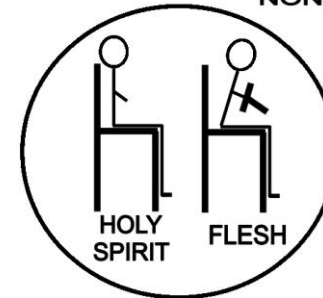
verse twenty nine, "and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff."

To be filled with something means to be _____ or _____ by something.

Notice: In practical language, to be "filled with the Spirit" means to permit the Holy Spirit to sit in the driver's seat of our life and be in _____.



NON-CHRISTIAN



CARNAL CHRISTIAN



SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN

If the flesh sits in the driver's seat, then someone is going to manifest "the works of the flesh."
Reference: **Galatians 5:19-21**

If the Holy Spirit sits in the driver's seat, then someone is going to generate "the fruit of the Spirit."
Reference: **Galatians 5:22-23**

If the Holy Spirit is made to move into the back seat and is no longer in charge, then that particular move is described in **1Thessalonians 5:19**, "Do not _____ the Spirit."

Five conditions to be met in order to be Spirit-filled:

1. _____ to be filled with the Spirit.
Reference: **Psalms 42:1,2a** (see screen)
2. _____ the sin in our life.
Reference: **II Corinthians 7:1** (see screen)
3. _____ ourselves completely to God.
Reference: **Romans 12:1** (see screen)
4. _____ daily on the Holy Spirit.
Reference: **Galatians 5:16** (see screen)
5. _____ a Christ-consciousness.
Reference: **Galatians 2:20** (see screen)