

# *Be Filled with the Spirit!*

For a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, one of the most important instructions one could ever receive from the Lord is: **“Be filled with the Spirit!”** (Ephesians 5:18) Why is this so important? For several reasons. One, is that all of us shall someday stand before the Lord at His judgment seat and give an account of our lives. (2 Corinthians 5:8-11) Jesus said, we shall give an account of even every word that has proceeded out of our mouths.

**“For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks.... But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak”**  
(Matthew 12: 34, 36 Amp).

That is why we are admonished in a book of God’s wisdom:

**“My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those**

**who find them, And health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you.”**

(Proverbs 4:20-24 NKJV)

Not only are we to be judged by what we say, but of course by what we do. Concerning God’s judgment day, we read:

**“According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work. If any man’s work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”**

(1 Cor. 3:10-15 NAS)

So, since we are going to be judged at the judgment seat of

Christ by everything we have said or done, we surely can then understand why it is so important to be filled now by the Holy Spirit. It is only by the Holy Spirit leading and working within us that we can be saying and doing the perfect will of God now in building His kingdom.

It is written:

**“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”** (Romans 8:14 KJV)

It takes the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom and true knowledge to properly understand this, and the Lord beckons us to seek and ask for “the fear of the Lord.”

**“Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.”**

(Psalms 34:11-14 NKJV)

**“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”** (Proverbs 1:7 KJV)

**“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the**

**knowledge of the holy is understanding.”** (Pro. 9:11 KJV)

**“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate.”**

(Pro. 8:13NASB)

Another reason it is so important to be filled with God’s Spirit is that we can then learn about and receive the gifts and manifestations that God has for us to do His work with in building His kingdom!

God tells us that all that we do is to be done in love, and that we are to understand the spirituals (the spiritual supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit), and then that we are to desire earnestly these manifestations of the Holy Spirit in order to help our brothers and sisters and reach out to the dying world of the lost.

There were no Christians in the first century that were not taught to practice the supernatural manifestations and power of the Holy Spirit.

NONE! And all the gifts and callings of God were to last until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ! Then they would no longer be needed.

God says in His word: “Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant” and then gives us the whole chapter explaining the nine manifestations of the Holy Spirit and also different ministries that He gives to the Body of Christ. The next chapter is all about love which is the spirit in which we are to live and work with these manifestations in the Lord, and then the next chapter gives us instructions on divine order as to how these manifestations are to operate in an assembly of believers. (1 Corinthians 12-14)

God tells us that they are to continue until we obtain our perfected, glorified bodies when we see the Lord at His coming face to face. Then they will no longer be needed. Our bodies will no longer be subject to pain and disease and in need of healing, and they will last for all eternity, Praise His wonderful name. Much of the wisdom and knowledge used in this world will no longer be necessary, and prophecies concerning this age will have been fulfilled.

All five ministries listed in Ephesians, chapter 4, which are given to be used in bringing believers into full maturity, love and unity are obviously so needed now, and are to function in the church until that is

accomplished, and then the Lord returns and we all enter into a new age with the Lord Jesus Himself at His appearing.

Oh, what a glorious day that will be!

Let us pray beloved, and labor in love together until that great and wondrous day when every eye shall see him coming in the clouds in power and great glory, with all His heavenly hosts of holy angels and holy believers that have gone on before us! Even so, come Lord Jesus! Amen!

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