

Session Five
(Lessons 18, 12)

Being Filled in Spirit and the Spirit and the Word

Scripture reading: Eph. 5:18; 3:19; Acts 2:2-4; 13:52; John 14:17; Rom. 8:11; Acts 1:8; 2:17; Eph. 5:19;
John 6:63; 2 Tim 3:16; Eph. 6:17-18; 5:18-19; Col. 3:16; Acts 6:7; 12:24; 19:20; 8:1,4; 4:31

- I. We have seen that there are two aspects of the all-inclusive Spirit, one is essential (inward) and the other is economical (outward); these two aspects of the Spirit can be seen in the matter of being filled with the Holy Spirit-Acts 2:2-4.**
- II. The outward aspect of the Holy Spirit is by no means more precious or more difficult to obtain than the Holy Spirit within, the only requirement being that we be willing to be used by God.**
- III. The way to be filled in spirit-Eph. 5:18-19:**
 - A. In order to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit, we all must make a thorough confession; we must come to the Lord, not occupied by so many things or persons.
 - B. The way to be filled is also by speaking; such speaking, singing, and psalming are not only the outflow of being filled in spirit, but also the way to be filled in spirit.
- IV. This filling is not only for your nourishment, it is for you to dispense; speaking is generating, speaking is imparting, speaking is dispensing.**
- V. In our Christian experience, the Word and the Spirit must always be one; it is important to see that the Spirit is embodied in the Word-John 6:63.**
- VI. Concerning the Spirit, there are two extremes, one found among fundamentalists and the other among Pentecostals:**
 - A. Certain fundamental Christians care primarily for Bible doctrine; but to have only the doctrine of the Bible without the Spirit is to have a lifeless body.
 - B. The Pentecostals represent another extreme; they may neglect the Word and emphasize the Spirit in an abnormal, unbalanced way.
- VII. We can say that the Spirit and the Word are one because this is clearly revealed in the Bible-John 6:63:**
 - A. His spoken words are the embodiment of the life-giving Spirit-John 6:63.
 - B. Second Timothy 3:16 says that all Scripture is God-breathed; every word of the Bible is the breath of God.
 - C. Ephesians 6:17 even identifies the Word as the Spirit; in this verse the Spirit and the Word are one thing.
- VIII. If we want to experience the fire embodied in the Word, the Spirit embodied in the Word, we need to exercise our spirit to pray-read the Word-Eph. 6:17-18**
- IX. In Acts those who received the Spirit did not go out and preach the Spirit; they preached the word-Acts 8:1**
 - A. In Acts we are told three times that the word grew and that the word multiplied-Acts 6:7; 12:24; 19:20
 - B. The divine Word is what we really need and we should be one with the Word, full of the Word, saturated with the Word, and constituted with the Word; then when we minister, we minister the Word by the Spirit-Acts 4:31.
 - C. We have the Holy Spirit in our spirit, and we have the Holy Word, the Bible, in our hands; when the Word enters our spirit it becomes the Spirit, and when the Spirit is expressed from our mouth it becomes the Word.
- X. We need to spend time every day to touch the Spirit in the Word; every day we need to open the Bible to receive the Spirit through the Word.**

FOCUS: The burden of this lesson is to help the young people to learn how to be filled in spirit. This is a matter of exercising our spirit to have fellowship with God through His Word. This session can be used to help the young people to learn to how to have the personal pray-reading in order to enter into personal and intimate fellowship with the Lord. The presentation of this lesson should be followed up with a practice session.

SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSES:

Eph. 5:18; Rom. 10:12-13; John 6:63; 2 Tim. 3:16; Eph. 6:17-18; Col. 3:16