

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

### *THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU #2*

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*“Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,”* (Ephesians 5:18, NLT)

1. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means God is near.
2. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means we delight in His presence.
3. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means we are thankful in all circumstances.
4. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means we love to express our joy in God through music.
5. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means we edify each other.
6. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means we are filled with Christ.

*“After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.” Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”* (Matthew 3:16–4:1, NASB)

### **1. I CAN BE DISCERNING IN TIMES OF DARKNESS.**

*“... the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,”* (Matthew 3:16, NASB)

*“May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”* (Matthew 6:10, NLT)

*“Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.”* (Matthew 4:11, NASB)

## 2. GOD'S LOVE DEEPENS MY CONFIDENCE.

*“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”*  
(Matthew 3:17, NASB)

### a. In Jesus Christ.

*“I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.”*  
(2 Timothy 1:12, NLT)

- i. Christ will guard new believers.
- ii. Christ will guard my soul.
- iii. Christ will use my pain to bring hope to others.

### b. In my identity in Christ.

*“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him.”*  
(1 John 3:1, NLT)

## 3. I AM EMPOWERED TO DO THE WILL OF GOD.

*“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”* (Matthew 4:1, NASB)

## GROWTHWORK

### 1. GIVE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS CHRIST.

*“Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.”* (1 Peter 3:18, NLT)

2. SET ASIDE DAILY TIME TO READ THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD.

*“Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.” (John 17:17–19, NLT)*

3. MAKE THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES HOLY HABITS.

*“In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.” (2 Peter 1:5–9, NLT)*