

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit *Part 1*

Acts 22:16 is the account of Paul's receiving the Holy Spirit at baptism, and also being filled with the Spirit at the same event (Acts 9:17). This is salvation as the Scriptures teach — one event — reception and filling of the Holy Spirit. This is why the many who were baptized on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:39-47 were in one accord, under the apostles' anointing (Acts 2:42-47). They were filled with the Holy Spirit.

We can expect both *our children* and those from outside to be filled and controlled with the Holy Spirit after baptism. We can expect them to be submissive and obedient to everything the Anointing teaches us — even as in Acts 4:32-37.

Filled — this means as Eph 5:18, leaving no room for *Satan to arouse* those who are filled with the Spirit to do his (Satan's) will (2 Tim 2:26).

We are, of course, filled with the Holy Spirit at baptism, but not necessarily does the Holy Spirit *come upon* us for ministry, as with the apostles who had been taught for 3½ years by Messiah (Acts 1:3,8). As in Acts 2:41, they were all baptized with the Holy Spirit, or into the Body (1 Cor 12:13), and filled at the same time. But for the Holy Spirit to *come upon* a person meant that he had a special task to perform, which took the very power from on high to accomplish.

Acts 2:41-42 gives the understanding we need to show us that we need to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit to be normal disciples in the Body of Messiah, as Eph 5:18-21 describes. Verse 22 — In some cases the wives may need the Holy Spirit to come upon them to obey some husbands, I know, but normally if they are filled with the Holy Spirit it is enough to submit to most husbands, as verse 21, or to most brothers or sisters. You can easily ascertain that a whole clan or household is not filled with the Spirit by how they meet together — how they speak and sing to one another. One is required to be filled with the Holy Spirit to come to the minchot, or as Pr 21:27 says... This means that unless one is filled with the Holy Spirit before he comes to worship, or give his sacrifice, Rom 12:1 is an evil deed which God despises. Yet how much greater is the sin when we come *knowing* that we are not filled with the Spirit, not prepared and ready, to the morning and evening minchot, and especially to the Breaking of Bread (1 Cor 11:26-33)?

No one has an excuse for not being filled with the Spirit before he or she comes to the minchot. If we are filled, then we should be able to do as 1 Pet 4:11 all day long in serving after the minchot, and especially during the minchot when it says if anyone speaks there, let it be the very utterance of God. Unless we are at least filled with the Spirit, there is *no way* we will be able to hear the very utterance of God in our midst, and no one will be blessed by the flesh except the lawless ones among us (Pr 21:28 NIV, NKJV; Pr 15:8; 22:17,18). So how foolish it is to come to the morning sacrifice without the Holy Spirit filling you up and running over as 1 Pet 4:11 says? It is the Word of God we are reading (Pr 21:29-30, NIV).

Without being filled with the Holy Spirit it is impossible not to be condemned, Eph 4:29-30; Mt 12:36,37. Jn 8:51, like Mt 12:37, will condemn us all if we all are not being filled with the Spirit each day we live in order to even obey Heb 3:13 or any commandment. The flesh cannot obey the Word of God. We will see death, unless we are filled (Jn 8:51).