



"The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit" Acts 13:52
"Do not get drunk on wine...Instead, be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18

Series Overview: For many of us, going back to our childhood and the popular King James Version of the Bible, the idea of a "Holy Ghost" seemed a bit mysterious, confusing, and difficult to grasp as to who He was and what He does. Knowing now the "Holy Spirit" is the third person in the Godhead, we accept that He is Deity along with God the Father and the Son Jesus Christ. He is given to those who follow and obey Christ (Acts 2:38; 5:32) to indwell inside us for many purposes such as being our guide to truth, our comforter, our guarantee, our interceder, our counselor, etc. But the Bible mentions being "filled with the Spirit." What does that mean? Is that a special dimension of holiness that only a few can attain? Is it for leaders or the apostles only? Could I ever possibly experience that? What does that mean? This series will help you to grasp how to live in the fullness of the Spirit!

Message

Filled With the Spirit of LOVE

Galatians 5:22-23

What would your life be like if you were **FILLED** with love? What would it look like if you loved like Jesus did? Would it be close to how you are right now? Do the people around you validate you as a loving person? Or would there need to be some dramatic changes made? If so, how and where do you find that path to a greater, **Spirit-filled** love?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF LOVE?

True Christian character expresses itself in the fruits of the Holy Spirit, which is summed up by the first fruit mentioned, which is love. Out of love come all of the other **attributes** of God that are **demonstrated** in Jesus and **developed** in the believer by the indwelling Holy Spirit (*Romans 5:5*).

1. Love in the languages of the world can often become a _____ word. Examples:
2. Love in the language of God becomes the most _____ word in Scripture and the world.
 - a. Love is the essence of _____ *John 3:16; 1 John 4:7-19*
 - b. Love is the essence of _____ *1 John 3:16*
 - c. Love is the essence of the _____ *John 13:34-35*
 - d. Love is the essence of _____ *1 Corinthians 13:1-18*

DID THE LIFE OF JESUS DEMONSTRATE HIS FILLING OF SPIRITUAL LOVE?

1. The love of Christ was demonstrated over and over in his ministry while on earth. *John 11:35-36; 8:3-11*
2. Even among the critics and skeptics of the world, Jesus is revered for his love (forgiveness, compassion, etc.).

WHAT ARE SOME STEPS I CAN TAKE TO BE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING?

1. Infuse your life with the love of _____ (make it personal). *Matthew 22:37 ("all" your heart, soul, mind)*
2. Saturate your mind with love ("agape") to be _____. *Matthew 22:39; Philippians 2:1-8*
3. Accept the "new command" as your _____ for the world to see Christ. *John 13:34-35*
4. Follow the principle of "_____ " in developing love and the other fruits as well. *1 Thessalonians 4:9-12; 4:1-2*