



"The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit" Acts 13:52

Series Overview: Knowing that 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 Nine

Filled With the Spirit of GENTLENESS

Galatians 5:22-23

What would your life be like if you were **FILLED** with **GENTLENESS**? Does that sound like a weak or strong quality to be known for? How do I get this spiritual, supernatural, "fruit" to the degree of being filled with **FAITHFULNESS**?

UNDERSTANDING THE TRUE NATURE OF GENTLENESS

"For I am gentle and humble in heart" Matthew 11:28-30

We often associate gentleness with a soft touch, or a characteristic of a grandmother, or a sign of being meek and weak, or one who avoids conflict, etc. But when connected with the Holy Spirit, it becomes a characteristic of having spiritual _____ that is _____!

The Bible expands on this with these applications:

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| 1 Corinthians 4:21 | <i>"Shall I come to you with a rod of discipline, or shall I come in love and with a gentle spirit?"</i> |
| 2 Corinthians 10:1 | <i>"By the humility and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you, (am timid when face to face)..."</i> |
| Ephesians 4:2 | <i>"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love (unity)"</i> |
| Philippians 4:5 | <i>"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."</i> |
| Colossians 3:12 | <i>"...clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."</i> |
| 1 Timothy 6:11 | <i>"...flee from all this and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness"</i> |
| 1 Peter 3:4 | <i>"...your beauty should not come with elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry... Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit."</i> |

1 Thessalonians 2:5-12

GENTLENESS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

- How Jesus dealt with the _____. *John 4:7-26 ("Jews do not associate with Samaritans")*
- How Jesus dealt with the _____. *John 8:1-11 ("this woman was caught in adultery")*
- How Jesus dealt with the _____. *Luke 19:1-10 ("he has gone to be the guest of a sinner")*

HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THIS FRUIT OF GENTLENESS

Live with the life purpose of Jesus! – ***"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" Luke 19:10***

1. Use gentleness to _____ people. *1 Peter 3:15-18*
2. Use gentleness to _____ people. *Galatians 6:1-3*
3. Use gentleness to _____ people. *Isaiah 40:11*