

Spirit Filled

Acts 4:23-31















²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.

“Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Spirit filled

Two main meanings

- Brimming with Jesus' life and likeness
- Burst of power to meet a challenge or do a task

Spirit filled

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues. (2:4)

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders...” (4:8)

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Spirit filled

Choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom... They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit. (6:3, 5)

Spirit filled

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.

Opposition arose... but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke. (6:8-10)

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Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” (7:55-56)

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They sent Barnabas to Antioch... He encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. (Acts 11:24)

Spirit filled

Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 9:17)

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Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit,
looked intently at him, and said, “You
are a child of the devil.” (13:9-10)

And the disciples were filled with joy
and with the Holy Spirit. (13:52)

Be filled with the Spirit. (Eph 5:18)

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Spirit filled: FAQ

- Who has been baptized with the Spirit?
- Is a two-stage experience the norm?
- Do tongues always go with fullness?
- Are there fresh fillings after conversion?
- Is filling sudden and spectacular?
- Can events like in Acts still happen?

Revival

Holy Spirit outpoured afresh

- Believers pray eagerly and urgently.
- God manifests his mighty presence.
- Awe, guilt, and dread overwhelm many.
- Jesus is exalted and experienced.
- The Spirit enables bold, strong witness.
- Church grows & society changes—fast!

Seeking fullness

- **Honor** the Holy Spirit living in you.
- **Repent** of anything that grieves or quenches the Spirit.
- **Surrender** your entire self and all your goals to Jesus' reign.
- **Pray** that God will flood you with the Spirit's life and power.