

Knowing God's Will through the Holy Spirit

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. (Acts 2:4-8, 12-18, NIV).

I can know God's will through the Holy Spirit by _____ . Through this experience I can:

_____, which is a means of knowing God's will.

¹⁴ Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. (1 Tim. 4:14, NIV).

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⁶ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. ⁸ So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. (Acts 16:6-10, ESV). See Acts 10:9-33.

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It was common for people in the New Testament to speak in _____ when they were filled with the Spirit and speak in _____ when they were filled with the Spirit.

⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all. (Acts 19:6-7, NIV). See Acts 2:1-4 and 10:43-46.

The reason these verbal utterances occurred when they were filled with the Spirit is because when we are filled with God's Breath, _____ and His words may be languages we never learned before or they may be our native language.

To be filled with the Spirit, I must first obey God by _____.

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him. (Acts 5:32, NIV).

² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? (Gal. 3:2, NIV).

If I really want to be filled with the Holy Spirit then I need to _____ to fill me with the Spirit.

¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (Luke 11:13, NIV).

Some people are filled with the Spirit with or without _____.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money. (Acts 8:14-18, NASB). **See also Acts 19:6-7 and 2 Timothy 1:5-8.**

⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. (Acts 10:43-46, NIV). **See also Acts 2:1-4.**

Acts 10:43-46 reveals that some people can be Spirit-filled _____ they believe in Christ & John

7:37-39, Acts 8:12-17 & 19:1-7 reveal people can be Spirit-filled _____ they believe in Christ.

What is always true is that the moment we believe in Christ, we are _____ by the Holy Spirit, which is a separate experience from being filled with the Spirit.

⁵ He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. (Titus 3:5-6, NIV).

There are _____. One is performed by _____, who baptizes us into the church, and the other is performed by _____, who baptizes (or fills us) with the Spirit.

¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. (1 Cor. 12:13, NASB).

⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:7-8, NIV).

The primary purpose of being filled with the Spirit is to be _____ with others. Sharing the gospel is God's will.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high. (Luke 24:48-49, NIV).

⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit . . . ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:5 & 8, NIV). **See Luke 24:48-49, Acts 2:4, 14, 4:8, 31, 9:17-22.**

The Apostles encouraged new believers to _____ be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them." (Acts 10:19-20, NIV). **See also Acts 8:26-29 & 13:1-5.**

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¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. ²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. (Gal. 5:16-17, 25, NLT). **See also Romans 8:5 & 9.**

We can be filled with the Spirit on _____.

¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 5:18, NLT). **See Acts.**