

The Filling of the Holy Spirit

(This is an outline before I write my paper.)

Intro:

I. Questions to be asked:

- A. What does it mean to be filled?
- B. What are the results of being filled?
- C. How does one get to be filled?

II. Filling of the Holy Spirit in the OT

- A. Filling of the tabernacle (Ex. 40:34-35)
and temple (I Kings 8:10-11) (God's presence)
- B. Filling of a person for a particular task:
 1. "skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of crafts"
(Ex. 31:1-5, 35:30-33)
 2. Possibly of Joshua (Deut. 34:9) in order to lead Israel

III. Filling of the Holy Spirit in the NT

- A. Apart from Luke and Acts it only occurs once! (Eph. 5:18)
- B. Luke:
 1. John the Baptist - "from birth" (1:14-17)
purpose - "to make ready a people for the Lord."
 2. Elizabeth (John's mother upon seeing Mary) (1:41-45)
purpose - to prophecy; for understanding; to bless Mary
 3. Zechariah (John's father after John's) (1:67)
purpose - to prophecy; for understanding
- C. Acts:
 1. The disciples at Pentecost (2:4)
purpose - to proclaim the gospel
Note: seems to be equated with "the Spirit coming on
you" (1:8) and the Spirit being poured out
(2:17-18 and Joel 2:28-32)
 2. Peter (4:8)
purpose - to preach
 3. The disciples (again) (4:31)
purpose (result) - to speak "the word of God boldly."
 4. Saul (at or shortly after his conversion) (9:17)
purpose - ? to carry God's name (9:15-16)
 5. Saul (Paul) (13:19)
purpose - to glorify God by making Elymas blind

IV. Ephesians 5:18

Note: F. F. Bruce - "The Spirit is [not] a substance with which man's personality can be filled just as his body can be filled with wine." i.e., Let your fullness be that which the H. S. produces as opposed to the fullness or drunkenness which wine produces.

A. What is it?

Note parallel with wine: we are not be "under the influence of alcohol" but under the influence of the Holy Spirit! Also, it is a sin to not be filled.

B. The verb:

C. How?

1. Confess sin as sin and repent

2. Be willing to accept God's will (submission) (for the essence of sin is self-will)

3. Rely on God's word and act on His truth therein

D. Results: others plus 5:19