

## SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FILLING OF THE SPIRIT

### I. What is the Relation of Spirit-filling to Spirituality?

- A. Def. of spirituality, 1 Cor 2:15. A mature and maturing relatn to HS.
- B. Ramifications of the def.
  1. There are degrees of spirituality bec there are degrees of maturity.
  2. Can backslide in certain area without losing all.
- C. Relation of HS  
Can be Spirit-filled but not spiritual. Cannot be spiritual without being Spirit-filled  
Can be spiritual and still develop and mature.

### II. What is the filling of the Spirit?

- A. It is a sovereign act of God whereby He possesses someone for special service.  
Lk 1:15, 41, 67 (Jn Bapt, Eliz, Zecharias); Acts 2:4; 4:8; 4:31 (Peter in all 3 and no sin between; filling for special service); Acts 9:17; 13:9 (Paul).
- B. It indicates extensive influence of the Spirit in a believer's life. = spiritual.  
Abiding state of fulness, not event of filling.  
Lk 4:1; Acts 6:3,5; 7:55; 11:24; 13:52<sup>joy</sup> (imperfect, normal state, not super-empowerment). Eph. 5:18 (Pres. tense showing same thing).  
*Bundles apparatus situation in Antioch = spiritual of 1 Cor 2:15*

### III. How Can I be filled with the Spirit?

- A. I can't do anything about this kind of filling (aspect). Sovereign work of God.
- B. No prayer formula. Eph 1:17 nearest but not same. *Proper address - desire 24*
- C. Be available, Acts 4:24. Despot (no, Thou art God as in KJ). *" a charred quest of plan 24-28"*
- D. Be consistent. Impf and present tenses. Practice Xn life. No magical receiving it by faith. *" asking 24"*

### IV. What are the Characteristics of a Spirit-filled life?

1. Christlike character, Gal. 5:22-23<sup>fruit</sup>.
2. Evangelistic involvement. Acts 2:41; 5:14; 6:7; 11:24. *Bertram* 4:34 one way to be involved. *- giving*
3. Praise, Eph. 5:19. To yourselves has reciprocal sense—to one another, in assembly.
4. Thankfulness, Eph. 5:20
5. Submissiveness in relationships of life, 5:20ff. At work, in home.

### V. Can I Know I am filled with the Spirit?

- A. Can examine present state before God.
- B. Can expect further development and need for control in additional areas of life.  
"My conscience is clear, but that doesn't make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me." 1 Cor 4:4 NIV.

### VI. Contrasting Views of Prog. Sanct. & Means of.