



## Acts 2:4

### Being Filled with the Spirit

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Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them. - Acts 2:4

...I am sending you ("upon you") what my Father promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered ("clothed with power") from on high." - Luke 24:49

...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means he was healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead - by him this man is standing here before you healthy. - Acts 4:8-10

When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly. - Acts 4:31

Ananias went and entered the house. He placed his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road you were traveling, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." - Acts 9:17

And the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. - Acts 13:52

The pattern of Scripture is that being filled with the Holy Spirit provides power to \_\_\_\_\_.

As for me, however, I am filled with power by the Spirit of the LORD, with justice and courage, to proclaim to Jacob his rebellion and to Israel his sin. - Micah 3:8

After the advent of the Church in Acts 2, the power of the Holy Spirit was made available to \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

He also said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I don't have anything to offer him.' Then he will answer from inside and say, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I have gone to bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' I tell you, even though he won't get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his friend's shameless boldness, he will get up and give him as much as he needs. "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For every-one who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" - Luke 11:5-13

Believers are invited to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a filling of the Holy Spirit at any time.

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven. He saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. He said, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" They yelled at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and together rushed against him. They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. And the witnesses laid their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" He knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" And after saying this, he fell asleep. - Acts 7:55-60

The purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit is to receive the power to \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ to ourselves.

*You ask and don't receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. - James 4:3*

*...whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well ("spring") of water springing up in him for eternal life." - John 4:14*

*On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him." - John 7:37-38*

*Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. - John 15:4-5*

*For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh.  
- Romans 7:18*

Being filled with the Holy Spirit gives us the power to \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, which then naturally produces the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit in our lives (Cf. Galatians 5:22-23).

*...don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit... - Ephesians 5:18*