

Intro -You Must be Filled with the Holy Spirit

I have three main points and three steps to take to receive the Holy Spirit

I am not the man I was. ashamed afraid, embarrassed, uncertain and full of doubts. Driving to church in secret. **I am not a “self-made” man.** I want to give glory and thanks today for the holy spirit who has led me into the blessings and purposes God has for me. **If I am anything I am a spirit made man.**

Baptism in the Holy Spirit and filling with the Holy Spirit has transformed me in my inner being to have a strong sense of who I am in Christ and that God is good.

Psalm 51 is a heartfelt prayer of desperation from David at his lowest point and prophetic marker for the work of Holy Spirit

Psalm 51: 10 -17

Create in me a pure **heart**, O God, and renew a **steadfast spirit** within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me from your **presence** or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the **joy of your salvation**, and grant me a **willing spirit, to sustain me.**

¹³ Then I will **teach transgressors your ways**, so that **sinner will turn back to you.**

¹⁴ Deliver me from the **guilt of bloodshed**, O God, you who are God my Saviour ,and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵ **Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

So you must receive the Holy Spirit if you are to live the fullness of life God has called you to live.

Point 1 – You Must come to Jesus to receive the Holy Spirit

Each of the four gospel accounts of Jesus life introduction to Jesus – He is the on chosen one who baptise you with the holy spirit. You can only receive the Holy Spirit of God from Jesus. You must believe in Him as your saviour and Lord receive form him forgiveness of sins and salvation into eternal life .

2015 Kasese for Jesus March – thousands came to Jesus that day , we marched through the town

Nicodemus in John 3 – came to Jesus knowing he was a prophet and a teacher Jesus told him

Nicodemus was a man who came to Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

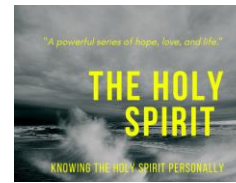
Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

DO NOT SIT AT THE EDGE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE – ENTER IN

Point 2 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit happens after you believe in Jesus

Colin Dye explains in his book “Knowing the Spirit” explains Conversion – turning to God – is a process which includes repentance, faith in Jesus, forgiveness of sins, baptism in water and receiving the holy spirit. The process can be condensed into a few minutes of spread over a lifetime.

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Even the disciples had to wait to be filled with the Holy Spirit – and it transformed them.

Even Jesus didn't know or tell them when or how this happens – they just had to wait..obedience. The disciples had no idea what to expect. But they were gathering together and praying.

Power and be witnesses.

In Uganda people wait hours for a service to start. And this picture of David and Helen for me is a beautiful picture of how God sees you as you first come to him in faith. The holy spirit is as essential the milk an infant drinks to grow.

Luke 11:9-13 **Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.** 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 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!**”

Point 3 - You must be filled with the holy spirit again and again

The book of acts tells the story of the early church and again and again we see the disciples being filled with the Holy spirit as they battled against persecution, performed miracles preached the gospel and started the Christian church that would grow to become the worldwide movement it is today.

So you are baptised the first time you are filled with the spirit and this starts for you a whole new way of living by the spirit and we can be filled again and again to we grow in faith, witness and power. Like marriage – it happens once but you are married forever.

I always thought of this as a cup but actually a sponge being immersed is much better image.

The cup is not changed!

Ephesians shows us the connection with filling in the holy spirit and worship ...

The Holy spirit is poured out on groups of people.

Last slide 5: Summary and tribute to Jon Murabyo

Jon is filled with the Holy Spirit as evidenced by his ability to overcome all obstacles in pursuit of the mission for Christ and Muslim background believers in particular. He is gifted in leading worship like no one else I know. In church and in his home

- 1. Come to Jesus in faith**
- 2. Ask God for the Holy Spirit to come and then wait**
- 3. Create an atmosphere of worship:**

Gather together with other Christians to pray, praise and worship.

Find ways to welcome the Holy Spirit in to your home.