

Knowing the Holy Spirit > Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- When we see Spirit filled men today – what do you look for as evidence?
 - Is there something in the way they walk or talk?
 - Is there something like a fuel gauge?
- Apart from miracles that Jesus performed what could others see that made them know that He was filled with Holy Spirit?
 - How do we recognize those around us who are filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Could others recognize that Jesus was a man filled with the Holy Spirit?
 - A few people (like his disciples) could see that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit
 - A large number of the religious leaders couldn't see that Jesus was the perfect example of a Spirit filled man
- What is the evidence of being filled (baptized/immersed)?
 - Samson Vs. Stephen
 - Samson
 - Believer and unbeliever could see the evidence that he was filled in the Holy Spirit
 - He had strength to lift the gate of the cities and kill many Philistines but was defeated by sin
 - Stephen who was filled with Holy Spirit
 - Luke who was inspired by the Holy Spirit recorded that Stephen was a man full of the Holy Spirit
 - Was there any external evidence of this?
 - He served tables
 - When He witnessed there was possibly the evidence, but those around him that listened to Stephen did they recognize that this man they were stoning was a man filled with the Holy Spirit
 - Saul in OT and Paul in NT
 - Saul – His outward filling was evident to others despite sin in his life
 - Saul prophesied, they made an expression is Saul now among the prophets, however a little earlier we see that he was filled with an evil spirit (I Sam. 18:10)
 - He had qualities of humility at the beginning of him being king that gave him favor with Samuel
 - Jeremiah, even though was despised deep down they knew he was the true prophet
 - Paul – His inner life of being filled with the Holy Spirit was hidden, a man full of the Holy Spirit but not easily recognized by some
 - The Corinthian church even questioned his apostleship (1 Cor. 9:2)
 - He said that they were treated like the scum of the earth (1 Cor. 4:13)
- Many are looking for some experience and some external evidence to know whether they have been filled with God's Holy Spirit and whether others are filled with Holy Spirit

- They are looking for a tongue of fire sitting on the head
- They themselves are looking for some experience that they have heard others have experienced
- When did Jesus first receive the Holy Spirit?
 - He was born of the Holy Spirit, so from the time he was conceived He was born of the Spirit (Luke 1:35)
 - He had a flesh just like ours (Heb. 2:14, 17,18) and had the ability to live a holy life
 - He had to obey the Holy Spirit and mortify the deeds of the flesh which He did throughout His life
- When have we first received the Holy Spirit?
 - When we are born again we receive the Holy Spirit (John 3:5, John 20:22)
 - We can now choose to obey the Holy Spirit and mortify the deeds of the flesh (Rom. 8:13)
 - When was Jesus baptized in the Holy Spirit? Age of 30 (Matt 3:16)
 - Preached, Healed, Miracles all through the filling of God's Holy Spirit for service
- We see that Jesus that He had waited to the age of 30 to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? Do we need to wait for a certain age to be filled with the Holy Spirit? What is the reason for our need to be filled with the Holy Spirit right away?
 - Jesus received the Holy Spirit and then called His disciples. He was now empowered by the Holy Spirit to start the foundations of the first church comprised of His disciples
 - Today, Jesus has ascended and His Holy Spirit is available to us. We as soon as we are born again, we immediately have a place and a purpose to be fulfilled in His Body. So today we need to be filled with Holy Spirit right away so that we can be an effective member in His Body. (1 Cor. 12:13, Eph. 4:16)
 - One of the main themes seems that the baptism in the Holy Spirit has been given not for us but that we may be useful member in the body of Christ
- Evidence of Being Filled with Holy Spirit
 - Boldness/Confidence in the Lord (not a spirit of timidity) - Acts 4:31, 2 Tim. 1:7
 - Words of Eternal Life - (John 6:68)
 - Building up of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:16)
 - Jesus satisfied the hungry (Disciples and others) by miraculously multiplying the bread and fish (John 6:11). The same Holy Spirit works in the lives of the sisters in the church to feed nourish His body in less miraculous ways
 - Cherishes and Nourishes her (Eph. 5:29, 32)
 - Those who can help others (1 Cor. 12:28 TLB)
 - Those who can get others to work together, working together in unison with no competition with one another (I Cor. 12:28 TLB)
 - Gift of hospitality and serving one another (1 Pet. 4:9-11)
- Conditions to be filled with His Holy Spirit
 - Thirsty (John 7:37)
 - Humility in acknowledging their inadequacy (2 Cor. 3:5)
 - Those who are willing to obey Him (Acts 5:32)
 - Faith (Gal 3:5)
 - Teaching on being filled with the Holy Spirit (Act 19:1-6)