

6) Receiving and Results

Helpful lists:

Shel's List

- + Embrace weakness
- + Know Biblical data
- + Take the time and open your mind/heart, openness. Desire is cultivated out of awareness of our need for His power and produced when we are captivated by the beauty of Jesus' love and way of living.
- + Experience matters. Can you learn from the New Testament and others?

John Soper: Steps To A Spirit-Filled Life. The path to the Spirit-filled life involves faith-filled risks that always involve change.

Surrender: You cannot make yourself holy any more than you can make yourself saved. Romans 6:11; Romans 12:1-2

Accept: Christ is your Sanctifier in the same way that He is your Savior! Colossians 2:6; Galatians 2:20

Abide: Maintain a continuous relationship with Jesus through obedience to His Word. John 15:1-11

Patterns of reception based on Acts 2, 10, 19

Draw close to Jesus. Focus: worship, teaching about Him.

- + Holy Spirit: positive attitude/posture of seeking.

Yield to Holy Spirit prompts in your mind.

- + Worship with your voice
 - + Christ sends the Holy Spirit
 - + Cooperate with Holy Spirit in your mind – speak out words given. This is prophetic and also the way to receive the gift of praying in tongues. Will be a NEW experience so it casts down the control/idolatry of control of language.
- Continue to do this in prayer life

Expect and Look for evidences

Wrap Up

“Neither in the Old Testament nor in the New, Nor in Christian testimony as found in the writings of the saints as far as my knowledge goes, was any believer ever filled with the Holy Spirit who did not know he had been filled. Neither was anyone filled who did not know when he was filled. And no one was ever filled gradually.” AW Tozer

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UNDER THE RUG

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Part 2

Opening Scripture: Acts 4:23-31

Review

- + Open vs. Closed to the Spirit
- + Carnal vs spiritual
- + Quotes

A closer look at Acts 4:23-31

3) Hearing the testimony of the Bible

“Subsequence” Luke 24:49; Acts 2:4, 4:31, 8:14-17, 10:44-46, 19:6; Eph 5:18-19
When we give up the Spirit's power by believing lies of efficiency on the left and right, we tend to seek the State's power to accomplish God's purposes. This results in the church being co-opted by the Powers, and we are no longer doing Jesus' work in Jesus' ways.

4) Paul and Luke are complementary BUT provide different teachings on the Holy Spirit.

Paul: Soteriological

Luke: Charismatic - effective witness.

Menzies: Luke describes the gift of the Holy Spirit exclusively in charismatic terms as the source of power for effective witness. Luke's narrative, then, reflects more than simply a different agenda or emphasis; his pneumatology is different from, although complementary to that of Paul. (114)

5) What this will look like. How do you know?

Staying and saying power.

Kendall names and explains four signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit: fearlessness, power, love, and self-control.

Excursus: Why prophetic speech and speaking in tongues?