

***Definition of “the fullness of the Holy Spirit”***

To be controlled or dominated by the Spirit’s presence and power  
(Ephesians 5:18) Paul said, “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with Spirit.”

Under the influence of alcohol vs. under the influence of the Spirit

Under our own control vs. under the guidance of the Spirit

Christians today lack the fullness of the Spirit

***The Biblical Basis for Being Filled with the Spirit***

Command to “Be filled with the Spirit”

Original Greek – continuous action

Be filled and keep on being filled – be being filled

Keep on being filled with the Spirit (like a running spring)

(John 4:13,14) “Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

(John 7:38) “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.’”

rivers not little drops – whole life-giving power to Christians

never ending supply – source in the Holy Spirit

Important to use our gifts from God “under the influence of the Holy Spirit”

Billy Graham’s concern – against the use of “the second baptism,” “the second blessing,” or “a second work of grace”

He believes in only one baptism in the Spirit – coming to faith in Christ

He believes in many fillings – to be continuously filled by the Holy Spirit

It is not how much of the Spirit we have, but how much the Spirit has of us

When we receive Christ as Savior – our spiritual capacities are extremely small

Need to seek afresh the power and presence (the filling) of the Holy Spirit

Allow the Holy Spirit to convict us of sins – true repentance

Allow the Holy Spirit to guide us for Christian growth

“Second Baptism” is actually “a new filling of the Holy Spirit”

Fill a person in deeply moving and memorable ways

Or may come very quietly

***Full and Filled***

To be full of the Spirit – “state of being”

John the Baptist, Apostle Paul

To be filled with the Spirit – Particular and occasional empowering

Anointing for a special purpose or task

When God calls us to any task – He will supply the power for that task

### ***Tilled for a Purpose***

(Acts 4:31) “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.”

The disciples were filled for a purpose – to proclaim the Word of God

What is your motivation? – emotional experience, new experience,  
be spiritually like others, get out of difficulty

The purpose of filling is that those who are filled may glorify God

(John 16:14) Jesus said, “He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.”

(John 15:26) Jesus said, “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me.”

Not for abuse – selfish gain

Acts 8 – Simon the sorcerer “believed” – was baptized – amazed by the great signs and miracles performed by the apostles – offered them money

(Acts 8:19) “Give me also this power, that any one on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” Peter immediately rebuked him, saying “your heart is not right before God.” (Acts 8:21)

### ***Power for a Holy Life***

Eve had a desire to “know” (based on self) – Satan turned healthy desire into unhealthy – Eve disobeyed God

Flesh – unperfected human nature – self – self-life – selfish

Try to control it on our own – leads to failure

Has a mind of its own – not subject to the law of God

God has no confidence in our flesh (Rom 7:18)

New person in God – yield to Holy Spirit (Ps 37:4)

### ***The Battle with the Flesh***

We glorify Christ when we live for God – trusting, loving, and obey Him

(Matt 5:16) Jesus said, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven”

(I Cor 10:31) Paul said, “Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”

Only in the power of the Spirit can we live a life that glorifies God.

Cannot glorify God in the energy of the flesh

This power is connected to the person of the The Holy Spirit

God the Father – Creator

God the Son – Savior

God the Holy Spirit - Power

### ***Power for Service***

We are filled by the Spirit to serve (Peter, apostles, Stephen)

(Acts 6:3) three qualifications for church officers – “of good reputation, full of the Spirit, and of wisdom”