

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

Part 2

Everything depends on one thing: are we living and walking in the Spirit? This of course assumes that we are *filled* with the Spirit as we were when hands were laid upon us at baptism. Not only do we *receive* the Spirit at baptism, but we are *filled* with Him so we can walk according to His Spirit. Unless we are filled, we cannot walk according to His Spirit. Col 1:10 is impossible, like all the commandments, unless we are filled.

Not being filled with the Spirit precludes John 14:21 and every other command of His Word. It precludes any hope, makes John 8:31 impossible, and we *will* see death, verse 51.

If we don't know how to be filled with the Spirit, we'd better learn. We were filled at baptism, and Luke 9:23 tells us how to continue to be filled. Rom 8:13 — *...if by the Spirit* means one must be filled with the Spirit. Verses 15-16 necessitate being filled.

There is not one possibility of any hope whatsoever to not see death, as John 8:51 says, unless we are absolutely filled with the Holy Spirit. Neither is there any possibility of not being condemned by Matt 12:37, nor of not grieving His Spirit by not being filled with Him, Eph 4:30. It is impossible to submit to one another without being filled with the Spirit, or to obey His commandments, John 14:21. Unless one is filled with the Spirit, he can't love as John 13:34, so verse 35 can never come into being. No one will be friendly or kind as in Eph 4:32. It only becomes a principle Christians try to do, but can't without the Spirit.

Without the Spirit no one can be filled with the Spirit, Gal 5:24,25. No one can produce the fruit of the Spirit without being *filled* with the Spirit. Eph 5:1 is impossible to do by having the Spirit, but still not being *filled* with the Spirit.

No one can say Yahshua is Lord without being filled with the Holy Spirit, because He is not their Lord or Sovereign if they are not in covenant with Him, to make Him always their Sovereign, 1 Cor 12:3. No one can speak by the Spirit without being filled with the Spirit, or

even serve without being filled with the Spirit, 1 Pet 4:11. All that is done without being filled with the Spirit is the flesh, Rom 8:5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Rom 12:3-9.