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You Must be Born Again

*2 Cor 5:17; 6:17*

By one Spirit — Eph 1:13; 1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:27; Rom 6:2-6. This happens when one calls out for salvation to Yahshua (Rom 5:5; 10:9-13) for the forgiveness of his sins (Mt 1:21) by receiving the faith to obey the gospel (Rom 10:16-17) by the power of the Spirit who has come to the person who makes the confession from his heart. When he comes up from the waters, hands are laid on him to be permanently sealed with the same Spirit who empowered him to call upon Yahshua and believe that God raised Him from the dead (that is, believe from his heart). The new disciple then is sealed and filled with the Holy Spirit.

The only way one can be *un-filled* is by giving in to temptation and sinning. But if we walk in the light, we know that if we confess our sins we are forgiven and cleansed (1 Jn 1:7,9) and are once again filled with the Spirit (Eph 5:8-21; 1 Jn 3:9).

Even though we might be *un-filled* with the Spirit, by no means are we *un-sealed*. We are sealed only once, but many times we may be filled, because God is gracious (1 Jn 2:1-6). But if one does not confess his sins as 1 Jn 2:1-2 says, then Rev 3:4 develops, and Rev 3:19-20 is the outcome. And if one does not or cannot hear His voice, he is cut off from among God's holy people (Acts 3:23).

Those who sin and keep on sinning, their sins and guilt are piled up (Heb 10:26-29). But if they can hear the Master's voice and confess their sins, they will once again be filled with the Spirit as Rev 3:20 says. He will come back into, *re-fill*, their hearts with His Spirit, and then verse 21 is the promise to all the faithful. When their sins are forgiven, they are once more filled with Him. There cannot be anyone whose sins are forgiven and is not overflowing with His Spirit, with thanksgiving, saved from death, once more obeying the word (John 8:31,32,51; 7:38). This is the promise and the truth (Jn 7:39).

John 7:38-39 is the basis in the gospels of what we speak in these teachings on being filled with the Spirit (Ps 116:13; Isa 12:3; Ps 50:14; 116:13-18). Ps 50:15 speaks to all those who are not filled with the Spirit because their sins are unconfessed (Pr 28:13; Ps 50:16-23 as Pr 21:27). So don't ever go to the morning and evening sacrifice, or to the breaking of bread, without being filled with the Spirit, so that everyone will know you are forgiven, since you offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving before all the people (Ps 116:12-19; 50:14).

If you cannot offer to Him the sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows, then do what Ps 50:15 says to do, for it is the day of trouble for you, since you went into the Holy of Holies unworthily (1 Cor 11:27-29). Ps 51:17 — This must come first before you can offer a pleasing sacrifice, verse 19.

Ps 51:11 is where all in Sardis found themselves — those who walked not worthy of Messiah (Col 1:10), but in the flesh (Rom 8:5; Ps 51:12,13,15; 116:1,2). Ps 51:16 is true — He does not delight in vain sacrifices — 1 Sam 15:22, but verse 17, then verse 19; Isa 66:2-3 (Amp Bible); Isa 28:13.

Eph 5:18,19 — Be filled is always, or continually with the Spirit.

*PSALMS* are scriptural lyrics in song.

*HYMNS* are humanly inspired lyrics in song.

*SPIRITUAL SONGS* are impromptu, rhythmic lyrics given by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 14:15).