

Introduction:

- *“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”* (Romans 14:17, NLT)
- One of the funnest days for a Christian is when he become Spirit filled! One of the happiest days of my life was when I was born again! Birthday! But being Spirit filled is like getting saved all over again! It is hard to put into words when you come to the realization that God is now living in you. When I became spirit filled all kinds of things began to happen to me, good things! The biggest was liberty! Freedom! That is how we came to receive our name: Freedom Christian Center!
- *“Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”* 2 Corinthians 3:17, NKJV

I. The Joy of Being Spirit Filled**A. What does it mean to be Spirit Filled?**

1. It means to be filled with God. The Holy Spirit is God. Just as Jesus is God. Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity. He is the gift from the Father, given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. It means that you want all of God and you choose to let God be fully manifested through you.
 - a) Jer 31:31 write my law on your hearts.
 - b) Ez 36:27 Put my Spirit in you.

B. Spirit comes from

1. the Greek word, pneuma= breath. We get our words pneumonia, and pneumatic from this word. Breath, wind, etc.
2. the Hebrew Word ruah=breath, wind. Gen - God breaths into man and he becomes a living being. Ez 37:9 Ezekiel prophesies to the breath.

C. Exhortations:

1. John the Baptist in Mt 3:11 tell of One (Jesus) who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.
2. Paul exhorts us to *be not drunk with wine but filled with the Spirit.* Eph 5:18
3. In 3:19 Paul desires that we *be filled with the fullness of God.*

D. *but the Spirit gives life.* 2 Cor 3:6 He gives life because the veil has been lifted/torn.**II. The Joy of Being Spirit Led****A. *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.* Gal 5:18**

1. If you are led by the Spirit you walk in freedom. 2 Cor 3:17.
2. Liberty - *“A state of exemption from the power or control of another; liberty; exemption from slavery, servitude or confinement. Freedom is personal, civil, political, and religious.”* Webster 1828. Ie. Jesus in John 3 describes Holy Spirit as wind. Cant see Him, do not know where He comes from or where He is going but you definitely know when He is there. Ie. I could never understand my grandmother saying, “Oh, there is a draft in here. I could never feel that draft no matter how hard I tried.” Now I am older, I can feel a draft warm or cold. Difference: maturity. What is the freedom we receive?
 - a) Freedom from sin. Ro 6:18-ff

- b) Freedom from the law. Ro 7:3-4; Gal 2:4
- c) Freedom from death. Ro 6:21-22; 8:21 Fruit to holiness and everlasting life!
- 3. Christ has made us free. Gal. 5:1
- 4. The Son makes us free. Jn 8:36 He whom the Son sets free is free indeed.
- B. *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.* Ro 8:14
 - 1. Being led by the Spirit of God automatically declares that we are sons of God.
 - a) Implies we have covering
 - b) Implies we have relationship
 - c) Implies we have inheritance
 - 2. Kelly and I were led to Melbourne by the Spirit to plant a church.
 - 3. We were led by the Spirit to start our family.

III. The Joy of Making Spirit Impact

- A. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.* Lk 4:18,19/Is 61:1,2
 - 1. to preach
 - 2. to heal-the heart and physically
 - 3. proclaim good news
 - 4. recovery of sight-healing
 - 5. free captives
 - 6. Proclaim the year of Jubilee
- B. *And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.* Acts 4:31
 - 1. Were filled again and boldness came upon them.
- C. *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.* Acts 1:8
 - 1. Power to produce evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - 2. Mk 16:17 signs follow those who believe.
 - 3. *And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.* Lk 5:17
- D. In Acts 5 two people lied to the Holy Spirit and died! The impact: was that the fear of the Lord came upon the whole church.
- E. 1 Cor 12 the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The graces of God impacts others in ministry.
- F. Gal 5:22 the fruit of the Holy Spirit. These make and impact on us and this impacts others.

Conclusion:

- You would have to be extremely afraid or not all in your right mind to not want the Holy Spirit.
- So I say, “Be filled with the Holy Spirit, Be led by the Holy Spirit and Impact the world around you by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
- I’m convinced that many of the mental and heart issues people have would go away if they would be led by the Spirit and impact others under the power of the Spirit.