

The Spirit Filled Church

**The Ministry of The Holy Spirit
In
New Testament Church Life**

**April 29 thru May 1 2011
Morris Community Church
Ben Goodman**

Schedule

Friday(at Hosanna worship Center)

6:30-8:30 pm: Session I and II

Session I:*The Fundamental Ministry of the Holy Spirit*

Session II: *The Fundamental Purposes of the Holy Spirit*

Saturday(at Hosanna worship Center)

9-9:50 am

Session III:*Being Filled with the Holy Spirit*

10:00-10:50 am

Session IV:*The Spiritual Gifts*

11:00-11:50

Session V:*Tongues – a Controversial Gift*

Noon-1:00 pm: LUNCH(chili lunch on site, please RVSP)

1:15-2:30pm:

Session VI: *Taking Ground by The Spirit*
(The Holy Spirit in Acts)

2:45-3:30

Session VII: *Fellowship With The Holy Spirit*

6:30-8:30: Prophetic Meeting

Sunday Morning (10 am at the HS auditorium)

‘The Battle Cry of The Holy Spirit’

I: Introduction

For Christians, the ministry and the power of the Holy Spirit constitutes a **deep historical tap-root** as well as an indispensable **inheritance** and **heritage**.

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, ***we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.***(niv) " [***No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit. "NAS; "we don't know what you mean. What is the Holy Spirit?" TLB***] 3 So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. 4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

Matt 22:29

"You are in **error** because you ***do not know the Scriptures or the power of God.*** NIV

The reason you go **astray** is that you're ignorant both of the Word and of the power of God CJB.

"You're **off base** on two counts: You don't know your Bibles, and you don't know how God works. Message

1 Cor 12:1

Now about ***spiritual gifts***, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. NIV....

But, brothers, I do not want you to go on being ignorant about ***the things of the Spirit.*** CJB

What I want to talk about now is the **various ways God's Spirit gets worked into our lives**. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Message

I: The Foundational Ministry of The Holy Spirit

Jesus wants us to “be (continually and increasingly) filled with the Holy Spirit. Eph 5:18

The Holy Spirit leads us unto all truth. (He shows us how things *really* are)

*When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will **guide you into all truth.*** Jn 16:13

The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus TO us

*He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it **known** to you.* Jn 16:14

The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus IN us.

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, **according to his power that is at work within us**, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.* Eph 3:20-21

*It is God **who works in you** to will and to act according to his good purpose* Phil 2:13

*When God, who set me apart from birth and called me by His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son **IN** me **SO THAT** I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man...*

Gal 1:15-16

The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus THROUGH us.

*(speaking to his **disciples**, Jesus said) You will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** (expression, revelationss and demonstrations of who I am) in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* Acts 1:8

II: The Fundamental Purposes(‘Apostolic Framing’) of The Ministry of The Holy Spirit

Worship God! For the **testimony** of Jesus **is the spirit** of prophecy. Rev 19:10

*But what about you?he asked. Who do you say I am? Simon Peter answered, You are the Christ, the son of the Living God. Jesus replied, Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will **build** my church, and the **gates of Hades will not overcome (or prevail against) it***
Matt16:15-18

*He who descended [to the lower earthly regions] is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens in order the **fill** the universe. It was He [Jesus] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to **prepare [equip]** God’s people for works of service so that the Body of Christ can be built up... Eph 4:10-12*

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matt 28:18-20*

III: Being 'Filled With The Spirit'

Eph 5:18: *Be filled with the Spirit*

- Many reactions to 'spirit-filled' church...
- A *mandate* from Jesus, the Church-owner
- '*Continually and increasingly ...*'
- **Holy Spirit shows us how things really are**
Jn 16:13 When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will *guide you into all truth.*
- **Holy Spirit makes Jesus real TO us**
Jn 16:14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and *making it known to you.*
- **Holy Spirit makes Jesus real THRU us**
Acts 1:8 You will receive *power* when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my *witnesses* in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- **Throughout the Book of Acts**, believers are filled (and re-filled) with the Holy Spirit ...
(see Acts 2, 4, 8, 10, 19)

Many advantages to Being Filled.....

- We feel better
- *Get to speak in tongues*
- **Increased spiritual freedom**
- **Increased power to make Jesus Famous -- We Become 'Witnesses'**
Spirit-filled Church in acts (see Act 1:8ff)

How to Get (re) Filled with the Holy Spirit

- Luke 11 -- Want Him enough to ASK

IV: The Spiritual Gifts

The spiritual gifts are **commanded, normal** aspects of mature, New Testament Church life

1 Cor 12:1, 4-11 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant... 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Cor 14:1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.

1 Cor 14:26-27 What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.

The Spiritual gifts are **works of the Holy Spirit** (1 Cor 12:4-6 above). As such, they are **supernatural expressions/revelations of Jesus Christ**. [They are *not* signs of spiritual stardom/maturity, rungs on a Christian career ladder, or the only ways to reveal Christ].

So, as supernatural expressions/revelations of the ministry of Jesus Christ, the **mature** exercise of the spiritual gifts will **demonstrate** and **advance** the Kingdom of God **in** and **through** His Church. (see Acts)

1 Cor 14:3-4 But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.

1 Cor 14:12 ... try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

1 Cor 14:26 ... All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.

God places a **special emphasis** on prophecy

Eagerly desire the spiritual gifts, **especially prophecy**. **1 Cor 14:1**
You can **all** prophecy.... 1 Cor 14:31

Therefore, the development and integration of mature spiritual gifts in local New Testament Church life is **necessary** for the building of Jesus' church and advancing His Kingdom **His** way.

V: Tongues

Remember:

- Jesus *desires* a spirit-filled church...
Be (continually and increasingly) filled with the Holy Spirit(Eph 5:18)
- The Holy Spirit...
reveals Jesus (John 15:26, John 16:12-15)

advances the Kingdom (Matt 16:15, Acts 1:8)

The Supernatural Expressions of Jesus Thru The Holy Spirit...

- have a sure foundation in Scripture (see Acts 2, 4, 8, 10, 19, 1 Cor 12 and 14)

Tongues

1 Cor 14:18-19 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1 Cor 14:5 I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you **prophesy**. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may be edified.

- have produced incredible life-changing testimonies amongst oodles and oodles of believers over the centuries.
- are to be integral parts of the ‘normal’ Christian Life.

❖ Tongues are *part* of this overall ‘Kingdom-package’

“Tongues are Weird & Make No Sense”

- True. So is the Bible. So is the Gospel....
- **Signs and wonders point to Jesus**
Heb 2:3-4This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. **4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit** distributed according to his will.

Mark 16:19-20 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. **20** Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and **the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.**

Tongues Strengthen and Build Up...

- **Individuals**

1 Cor 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue *edifies himself*, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

Jude 20-21 But you, beloved, *building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit*, keep yourselves in the love of God, NAS

Groups of Believers(The spiritual gift of tongues and interpretation -- 1 Cor 12 and 14)

- **Our Prayer-Life**

Rom 8:26-27In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, *but the Spirit himself intercedes* for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

1 Cor 14:13-14For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should *pray that he may interpret what he says*.

Eph 6:18 And *pray in the Spirit on all occasions* with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

- **Hearts of Thanksgiving**

1 Thess 5:16-18 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 **give thanks in all circumstances**, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but **in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God**. 7 **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus**.

Ps 50:14-15, 23 Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, 15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me." ...23 He who sacrifices thank offerings **honors me**, and he **prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God**."

1 Cor 14:16-17 If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? 17 *You may be giving thanks well enough*, but the other man is not edified.

Tongues & The Infilling of the Holy Spirit are Impartable and Mentorable

- Ac 8 (Simon), Ac 9 (Ananias and Paul) Ac 19 (Paul and JTB's disciples)

VI: Taking Ground By The Spirit

Review of The Ministry of The Holy Spirit...
Reveals Jesus **TO** us.

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Reveals Jesus **THROUGH** us.

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Note: *Disciples become witnesses*

The Holy Spirit will forcefully take ground (advance the Kingdom) in and thru us... (Matt 16 & 11)

The Holy Spirit empowers us to ...

- Leave our **COMFORT** zones (Acts 2:1-4)
- Be **transformed**. (Acts 2:14ff) **Peter**
- Overcome the **FEAR** of promised/expected pain/persecution (Acts 4:29-35) **Peter & John**
- **Break through** spiritual ‘lids’/limitations (Ac 8:9-17)
- **EQUIP** future world-changers (Acts 9:17-19) Annanias & Saul/Paul
- Find, open and walk through **new doors** of ministry (Acts 10:30-48, 11:15-17) **Peter and Cornelius**
- Receive **new direction and mission** (Ac 13) **Antioch**
- Impart spiritual gifts and establish **beachheads and bases** for effective, future ministry (Acts 19:1-10)

So....

*Intentionally and purposefully ‘Be **filled** with the Holy Spirit’ in order to ‘take ground’...

- *“... how much more will your Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who **ASK** Him!” Luke 11:13*

VII: Fellowship of The Holy Spirit

2 Cor 13:14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the fellowship of the Holy Spirit** be with you **all**.

The Holy Spirit gives Life (Jn 6:63)

Leads us into all Truth, quickens Scripture, comforts, convicts, reveals Jesus in/thru us, empowers, equips, gives spiritual-gifts, the One who leads us (Jn 3, Rom 8:14)

Be Filled w/ the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18).

Continually and increasingly...

Fundamentally a matter of on-going ***surrender to the ministry of the Holy Spirit***

Importance of Fellowship with The Holy Spirit

Gen 4:10-16 The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will ***no longer yield its crops*** for you. You will be a ***restless wanderer*** on the earth." 13 Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and ***I will be hidden from your presence***; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. 16 So ***Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.***

Ps 51:3-13 For I know my transgressions, & my sin is always before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. 5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. 6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. 7 ***Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.*** 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 ***Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.*** 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

The Holy Spirit makes 'the difference'...

Obstacles to Fellowship with Holy Spirit

Lie to the HS: Ac 5:3-4 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

Test the HS: Ac 5:9 Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also."

Quench the HS: 1 Thes 5:19-20 Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances.

Grieve the HS: Eph 4:30-32 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Resist the HS: Acts 7:51-51 "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!"

Traditional-ize the HS: See Jesus in Luke 2

Remember: the Holy Spirit gives *Life*

Key: Be Filled with (be surrendered to) the Holy Spirit