

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS YOUR EMPOWERER!

Love-Impact Training

Lesson 2

Just a quick reminder: you are _____ ! When Jesus died He multiplied. When you became a new creation, you received a new nature that looks just like Jesus, as a son or daughter of God. In Galatians 2:20, Paul seals the deal of what we've been talking about...

Galatians 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

As new creations, we are invited to a supernatural life that looks just like Jesus while He was on the _____. Not in the sense of what He did in our place at the Cross, but in the sense of what He did as a Son of God, demonstrating the Kingdom _____ He went. You and I are called to walk in the miraculous, signs, wonders, miracles, massive amounts of love, joy, and peace. When people encounter us, they should _____ through us!

It's so important you are established in your true identity in Christ, as sons and daughters of God. Spend time meditating on this reality, allow God to give you deep roots in who you are as His child. Before Jesus stepped into His _____ of signs, wonders, miracles, and massive amounts of love, the Father established Him in His identity as a son. This was vital to Jesus fulfilling His calling. It's vital to you fulfilling your calling. Let's make this identity-thing a priority in our lives. The second thing that happened before Jesus stepped into His ministry: the Holy Spirit descended on Him, _____ Him for the miraculous! Read below...

Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

*16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, **the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.***

*17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**"*

This was a pinnacle point in Christ's life. The Holy Spirit descended upon Him to empower Him for the supernatural life. Just as Jesus needed the Holy Spirit to rest on His life before moving in the miraculous, _____ ! He empowered Jesus to be a witness, and He wants to empower us to do the same thing!

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, known for exercising the power of the Father and the Son in creation and redemption. He's God among us, and He's on _____ to empower, lead, and comfort you, as witnesses for Christ!

After the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus, soon after, Jesus shared some important words defining what exactly happened. He read from Isaiah 61, and these words are for us as new creations as well...

Luke 4:16-21

16 So He [JESUS] came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

*18 "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;

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

What does it mean to be anointed? Here's what the Bible dictionary says...

Nelson's Bible Dictionary: ANOINTING

_____, or set apart, a person for a particular work or service (Isaiah 61:1). The anointed person belonged to God in a special sense. The phrases, "the Lord's anointed," "God's anointed," "My anointed," "Your anointed," or "His anointed" are used of Saul (1 Samuel 26:9,11), David (2 Samuel 22:51), and Solomon (2 Chronicles 6:42). In the New Testament, all who are Christ's disciples are said to be _____; they are God's very own, set apart and commissioned for service (2 Corinthians 1:21). Priests, kings, and prophets were anointed. Oil was poured on the head of the person being anointed (Exodus 29:7). Kings were set apart through the ritual of anointing, which was performed by a prophet who acted in God's power and authority (1 Samuel 15:1). The Old Testament also records two instances of the anointing of a prophet (1 Kings 19:16; Isaiah 61:1).

Jesus was authorized, set apart, for a particular work or service. He was anointed to preach, heal, and proclaim liberty to the _____. When Jesus died, He multiplied, and calls us to do the same thing. When you became a believer, you became anointed to preach the gospel, share Christ with the lost, and demonstrate the Kingdom through signs, wonders, and miracles!

All the miracles Jesus did while He was on the earth were through the _____ of the Holy Spirit, because He was anointed to demonstrate the

Kingdom! As sons and daughters of God, we are anointed to demonstrate the Kingdom.

After Jesus died and rose from the dead, He instructed His disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promised Holy Spirit to come upon them just as the Holy Spirit came upon Him!

Acts 1:4-8

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ... 8 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."

After receiving these specific instructions from Jesus, the believers went to Jerusalem and waited for this wonderful promise. Acts 2 describes this amazing event...

Acts 2:1-4, 13, 14-17

*1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to **speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance...***

As the Holy Spirit filled believers, they all began to speak with other tongues. This is one of the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit found in 1 Corinthians 12:7-12. This has commonly been seen as an _____ that a believer has been filled or baptized in the Holy Spirit. If you haven't already received it, God has a powerful prayer language to give you, and it will change your life. The Holy Spirit is available to every believer at the point of their hunger!

Another manifestation that happened at the first outpouring, is the believers appeared to be a bit drunk or under the influence...

*Others mocking, said "**they are full of new wine**"...*

*14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For **these are not drunk, as you suppose**, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:*

*17'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;**
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy...*

When the supernatural invades the natural, things don't stay _____ anymore!

When the Holy Spirit fills you and empowers you, He enables you to step into a supernatural lifestyle... to do what Jesus did while He was on the earth. What did Jesus do? Healed the sick. Cast out demons. Raised the dead. Prophesied. Loved like crazy. Had joy more than His companions. We are called to do all of that and more!

John 14:12

*12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **believes in Me, the works that I do he will do***

also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Here's a reminder of the _____ the Holy Spirit gave Jesus...

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"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Now I have great news for us as believers. Just as believers received the Holy Spirit in the upper room, the Holy Spirit is available to us _____ we desire. The moment you came to faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit came to live inside of you! Here's what Jesus said...

John 7:37-39

*On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him **come to Me and drink.**38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."39 But this He spoke concerning the [Holy] Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

If you are a believer, you have rivers of living water inside of you, waiting to be _____ . Here Jesus gives us some more insight...

Luke 11:10-13

*11 **If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!****"*

The Father is aching for you to be filled and under the influence of His wonderful Holy Spirit. The Father is aching for you to simply ask and welcome the Holy Spirit to take over. He's already inside of you, all you need to do is ask!

Being filled with the Holy Spirit isn't just a one time thing. After the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit, there have been many _____ ... daily. We read in the book of Acts that soon after the 120 believers were filled in the upper room, those same believers needed to get filled with the Holy Spirit again...

Acts 4:29-31

29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they

may speak Your word,30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

31 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.

The Apostle Paul instructs us to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit. It's a daily, even hourly exercise!

Ephesians 5:18

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is in the present tense in Ephesians 5:8, making it a continual command for the believer. In the book of Acts, the same people who were filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost were filled again (compare Acts 2:4 with Acts 4:31). Most people don't get _____ on just one drink. Likewise, being filled with the Holy Spirit is not just a one-time experience. There is an initial filling of the Holy Spirit and many subsequent fillings.

-Andrew Wommack, Andrew Wommack Commentary

So it's clear we have this amazing person of the Holy Spirit available to us all the time, all we have to do is ask. Why don't you give it a shot right now: simply close your eyes, remember that the Holy Spirit is inside of you already, and pray this simple faith filled prayer, "Father I ask you right now to fill me with Your Holy Spirit", and receive it by faith. It's that easy!

Along with asking, this wonderful filling and baptism of the Holy Spirit is released through the _____ ...

Acts 8:14-20

*Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.17 **Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.***

*18 And when **Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given**, he offered them money,19 saying, "Give me this power also, that **anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.**"*

20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!"

(Also see Acts 9:17-18)

God not only wants you to be filled, He wants you to get others filled. Through the laying on of hands you can be _____ with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let's look for opportunities to do so!

It's clear in God's word. God desires believers to do what Jesus did, and He anoints and empowers them with His wonderful Holy Spirit. Just as the Holy Spirit rested on Jesus, empowering Him to live supernaturally, the Holy Spirit desires to rest on you. Let's welcome Him to do so! Let's welcome the Holy Spirit to fill us and empower us every day... making

this a lifestyle!

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, I believe your word. I believe that You've called and anointed me to demonstrate Your love to a dark and dying world, and I believe You've empowered me with Your wonderful Holy Spirit. Help me to step into the fullness of the supernatural lifestyle we're called to as sons and daughters of. Holy Spirit, I welcome You to possess my life and take over. I want to live a lifestyle being under Your influence, and empowered by You. I welcome Your fruit and gifts to manifest freely in my life, enabling me to act and look more and more like Jesus. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

What are some specific ways you'd like to see the Holy Spirit operating more in your life?

What are some practical ways you can welcome the Holy Spirit to be more a part of your daily life?

What are some different ways you've seen the Holy Spirit manifest through believers, or in different situations?

Can you see yourself living a lifestyle in constant relationship and empowerment of the Holy Spirit? What kind of changes do you see Him making in you?