



What the Filling of the Spirit is Not

- **It's not a Once-for-All Event**
 - Not the Baptism of the Spirit
 - Not the Indwelling of the Spirit

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- **It's not a Once-for-All Event**
- **It's not a Formula**
 - It's not mathematical, it's relational

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- **It's not a Once-for-All Event**
- **It's not a Formula**
- **It's not a Special Edition of Christianity**
 - It's God's plan for every believer
 - It's not "Charismatic"
 - It's not abnormal

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- **It's not a Formula**
- **It's not a Special Edition of Christianity**
- **It's not Automatic**
 - It is based on choices we make

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What the Filling of the Holy Spirit Is

A Definition...

The power of God for practical life as we choose to walk with Him.

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 The Key Verse – Ephesians 5:18

“And do not get drunk with wine,
for that is dissipation,
but **be filled with the Spirit.**”

- **It is a Command**
 - It’s not optional

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- **It is for all of us**
 - It’s a plural verb
 - It’s a command for every Christian

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- **It is Continuous**
 - It’s a present imperative
 - “Be being filled with the Spirit”

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- **It is Received**
 - It’s passive - It’s something He does
 - Cultivate the right conditions in my life

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 How to be Filled with the Spirit

Cultivate the Right Conditions

- **A Life Devoted to Him**
 - God will not fill what has not been given to Him.
 - Make the decision of allegiance

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 How to be Filled with the Spirit

Cultivate the Right Conditions

- **A Deep Desire for More**
 - You’ve have to want it.
 - Are you willing to pay the price?

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How to be Filled with the Spirit

Cultivate the Right Conditions

- **An Awareness of Need**
 - Realize that I can't live on my own
 - Need often comes through failure
 - Ask...



How to be Filled with the Spirit

Cultivate the Right Conditions

- **An Empty Vessel to Fill**
 - We are filled with worthless things
 - Empty ourselves of ourselves

