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# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**The Ministries of God the Holy Spirit Today:  
Filled by the Spirit  
Ephesians 2:21–22; 5:18; Colossians 3**



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**ἐν *en* (+dat) (+dat) in, with, by, to**



# **The Ministries of God the Holy Spirit Today**

**To the World:  
Restraining  
Convicting**

**At the time of salvation:  
Regeneration  
Baptism  
Indwelling  
Sealing  
Filling  
Illumination**



# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **The Ministries of God the Holy Spirit Today (at Salvation)**



# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **The INDWELLING of the Holy Spirit**



**Eternal  
Realities**

**Temporal  
Realities**



**ACTS 16:31**

**IN CHRIST**

**Baptism by the  
Holy Spirit**

**Indwelt**



- 1. Indwelling of God before the Church**  
**Indwelling in the Old Testament**  
**Indwelling in Christ**
- 2. Differences between Regeneration and the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**
- 3. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit today**



**God the Holy Spirit at the instant of salvation, takes up residence in every believer; His purpose is to make both the Church as a whole, and the individual believer, a Temple for the indwelling of God the Father and God the Son.**



# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **SEALED by the Holy Spirit**





# Eternal Realities



ACTS 16:31

**IN CHRIST**

**Baptism by the  
Holy Spirit**

**Sealed by  
the Spirit**



**Eph. 1:13, “In Whom (Him), you also—  
when you heard the word of truth (the  
gospel of your salvation)—In Whom (Him),  
when you believed—you were sealed by  
the Holy Spirit of promise,” [~RD]**



## **Definition**

**The seal by the Spirit is the down payment that certifies God's ownership and protection, which secures the salvation of the Church Age believer from the moment of faith when the Holy Spirit indwells until ultimate salvation in glorification is realized.**



**Eph. 1:13, “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

**Eph. 1:14, “who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”**



**Eph. 4:30, “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”**



# Eternal Realities



ACTS 16:31

**IN CHRIST**

**Baptism by the  
Holy Spirit**

**Filled by the  
Holy Spirit**



**Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,” ~NKJV**



## Translated as Content

**Eph. 5:18, “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,” ~NASB**

**Eph. 5:18, “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,” ~ESV**

**Eph. 5:18, “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.” ~NIV**



## Translated as Means or Instrument

**Eph. 5:18, “And do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit,” ~NET**

**Eph. 5:18, “And do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit,” ~HCSB**



**Eph. 5:18, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,” ~NKJV**

***ἐν πνεύματι, en pneumatī,  
pneuma, “wind, breath”***



# **Pneuma in Ephesians**

**Used 14×, 12× refer to the Holy Spirit**



**Eph. 1:13, sealed by means of the Spirit**

**Eph. 2:18, we both have access by one Spirit – instrumental *en***

**Eph. 2:22, built together by the [Holy] Spirit for a dwelling place**

**Eph. 3:5, now revealed by the Spirit, *en pneumati***

**Eph. 3:16, to be strengthened with might through the Spirit, *dia* with the genitive is a synonym with *en pneumati***



**Eph. 4:3, “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**Eph. 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;”**

**Eph. 4:23, “and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,”**

**Dative, no preposition *en*, modified by “of your mind”**



## **Conclusion:**

- 1. Of the 14 uses of *pneuma* in Ephesians, 12 of them refer to the third Person of the Trinity, one refers to Satan or a demon; one refers to the spirit of the mind.**

**When Paul is speaking of something other than the Holy Spirit he makes it clear.**



**2. Filled with the content of the Spirit, i.e., the believer gets more and more of the Holy Spirit. The problem with this view is that content is normally expressed with a genitive case. Here it is in the dative/instrumental.**



**3. Filled by means of the Holy Spirit indicates the Spirit is used to fill us with something. This is expressed by the means/instrumental case of the dative.**



**John 4:23–24, “worship by means of the Spirit and by means of truth”**

**Rom. 15:16, “that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”**

**1 Cor. 12:3, “Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”**



**2 Cor. 6:6, “by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,”**

**1 Pet. 1:12, “To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.”**

**Jude 20, “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying by the Holy Spirit,”**



**Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”**

**Gal. 5:18, “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”**

**Gal. 5:25, “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”**



**πληρόω *pleroo* 2 plur pres pass impera  
to fill; fulfill**



For *pleroo*, here are some notable uses.

**Acts 5:3, “But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?’ ”**

**Acts 5:28, “saying, ‘Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!’ ”**



**Acts 13:52, “And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”**

**This is a phrase that is descriptive of the character of the disciples. See context, both joy and Holy Spirit are genitives, indicating content, this is a descriptive idiom.**



πίμπλημι *pimplēmi*, **fill, complete, fulfill**



**Luke 1:15, “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.”**

**Luke 1:41, “And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.**

**Luke 1:42, “Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!’”**



**Luke 1:67, “Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:**

**Luke 1:68, “ ‘Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people,’ ”**



**Luke 4:28, “So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled [pletho] with wrath,” [genitive, description]**



**Luke 5:26, “And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, ‘We have seen strange things today!’ ”**

**Luke 6:11, “But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.”**



**Acts 2:4, “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”**

**Acts 3:10, “Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”**

**Acts 5:17, “Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,”**



**Acts 4:8, “Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:’ ”**

**Acts 4:31, “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.”**



## **Positive**

**Acts 6:5, “And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,”**

**Acts 6:8, “And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.”**



**Acts 9:36, “At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.”**

**Acts 11:24, “For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.”**



**Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**

**Col. 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”**