

ACTS 7:54-60

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A SPIRIT-FILLED BELIEVER



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- **Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as a divine person with personal traits and attributes.**
- **The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Triune God.**
- **The Holy Spirit is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent.**

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit vs Filling of the Holy Spirit

- The **indwelling of the Spirit** is a one-time event that takes place at the moment of salvation.
- The **Filling of the Spirit** takes place after a person is saved. There are many times, a person can be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is a repeatable event and a continuing process in the life of a believer.



**Cast me not away
from Thy presence,
and take not Thy holy
Spirit from me**



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PSALM 51:11

Stephen a man full of the Holy Spirit



3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them

4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

Acts 6:3-5



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5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.



Acts 6:3-5



Stephen a man full of God's grace & power



Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 6:8



Stephen a man full of wisdom



9 Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen.

Acts 6:9-10

10 But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.



Stephen accused of blasphemy

Acts 7:1

Then the high priest asked Stephen, “Are these charges true?”



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58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

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60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.



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*An angry crowd vs a Spirit-Filled
dying man*



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Psalm 35:16

Like the ungodly they maliciously mocked; they gnashed their teeth at me

Psalm 37:12

The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them;



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Matthew 13:42

They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



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Stephen's spiritual sight

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**Acts
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1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.



**Luke
4:1-2**



18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Ephesians 5:18-20





In Greek, the verb be filled is an imperative, passive, plural and present.

- **Imperative ...** it is a command.
- **Passive ...** it is not something we do
- **Plural ...** it belongs to everybody.
Every believer have an equal access to the filling of the Spirit.
- **Present tense or active tense ...**
ongoingly... a constant action.



**We cannot be full of
the Holy Spirit if we
are full of our self.**

WHAT GETS IN THE WAY OF
FILLING?



Do not quench the Spirit

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19



**always giving thanks to
God the Father for
everything, in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

EPHESIANS 5:20

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”



LUKE 11:13



Pray with us

For “whoever calls on
the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13



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