

PureMen

PureMen Bible Study – Session 10 – 2/25/09

Something To Thank the Lord For?

Recite Memory Verse (Galatians 5:22-25)

Review Study Questions from Chapter Nine –
The Sinful Flesh

Lesson Title –

“...be filled with the Spirit.”
Ephesians 5:18b

PureMen
Teaching Men To Be
Passionate About Purity



Being Filled with the Holy Spirit – The Key to Overcoming the flesh, the world, and the enemy!

What is the difference between the “*Gift of the Holy Spirit*” and “*Being Filled with the Holy Spirit?*”

- **The Gift of the Holy Spirit Comes at Salvation – the indwelling presence of the Holy Ghost**
 - **Romans 8:9** “*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*”
 - **1 Cor. 3:16** “*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*”
 - **1 Cor. 6:19** “*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*”
- **Vs. Being Filled with the Holy Spirit?**
 - **Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost – Luke 4:1** “*And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,*”
 - **The disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost – Acts 2:4** “*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...*”
 - **Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost – Acts 4:8** “*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel.*”

- **Barnabas was filled with the Holy Ghost – Acts 11:24** “*For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.*”
 - **Paul was filled with the Holy Ghost – Acts 9:17b** “*...that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.*”
 - **A prerequisite for the deacons that were selected – Acts 6:3** “*Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.*”
- a) **ILLUS:** House with Many Rooms – The Holy Ghost takes up residence “in the house” when we get saved, but has He been relegated to a “back room” or does He have access to the entire house? Has He moved to the back room and “closed the door” because He has been grieved? He’s still there – but does He really have control? Does He have full access?

Why is it important to be filled with the Holy Ghost?

- Attempting to live a godly life without a godly power is to invite frustration, despair, and defeat. The enemy is strong. The flesh is strong. The world is strong. But...”*greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.*” (1 John 4:4)
- **We are commanded to be filled**
 - **Ephesians 5:18** “*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*”
 - “Keep being filled,” continually (like a bubbling spring).
 - Unfortunately, we are “leaky vessels.”

But How? How Can I Be Filled With the Holy Ghost?

Romans 7:18 “*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*”

- **By Faith** – This is not an “experience” that we are looking for – we are just doing “by faith” what He commands us to do. God never commands us to do something that He does not provide a way (or equip us) to accomplish.
 - It is not based on our feelings or even our understanding, we just ask the Lord to fill us with His Holy Spirit and believe by faith that He will do it!
- **Purge (or Purify) Our Vessel [ILLUS: The One I tell “sick em” to]**
 - **Starve the Flesh – How?** Confess, Repent, Resist, Flee, Crucify, Mortify, Deny, Cleanse, Purify, Sacrifice. *We are to empty ourselves of some things!*
 - **Feed the Spirit? – How?**

- Church Services (Preaching, Teaching, Fellowship)
- Intentional Discipleship (personal growth)
- Daily Bible reading – meditate, study, memorize
- Daily Prayer
- Music – godly (does it appeal to the spirit or to the flesh)
- Witness – Pass out a tract, begin intentionally building relationships with the lost
- Ministry (Serve) – exercise your gift; focus on others; Glorify Him!

Life's Most Embarrassing Moment

WHEN THE GIRL YOU WERE KEEN ABOUT SAW YOU IN A BATHING SUIT AND YELLED-

"HELLO, SKINNY!"

I'LL PROVE IN 7 DAYS THAT I CAN MAKE YOU A NEW MAN!

Do you remember those old Charles Atlas ads promising to make the 98 lb. weakling a real “muscle man” in only 7 days? We all know the absurdity of that claim! We know that any effort to change our body from that of a weakling to a strong man will take a significant amount of hard work, sacrifice, and dedication. *Does that describe your efforts to strengthen your “spiritual man?”* Your spiritual man will not get stronger by simply hoping it will. It takes a similar amount of hard work, sacrifice, and dedication. Which man are you working on to strengthen? The natural man or the spiritual man?

- **Obedience To His Will** - Romans 12:1,2 *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”* ²*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*
 - **Sacrifice** – God wants a sacrifice from us – our complete lives!
 - **Transformation** – by the renewing of your mind.

Testimonies? Close in PRAYER!