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FILLED AND REFILLED WITH THE POWER OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT

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We should desire to be continually *filled* with His Spirit and refilled. Revival may be *perpetuated* in us who through His Spirit are continuing to be continually *filled* and *refilled with His Holy Spirit*. There is a revival seen in the Scriptures which is the movement of His Spirit for us who are being continually *filled* and *refilled* taking believers from *glory... to glory*.

2Corin. 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

It is the Spirit of the Lord which causes us to continue in personal revival in our soul; else we become *dry* and *impotent* concerning *the witness of His Spirit* in us and toward unbelievers.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

THE POWER! -THE EVIDENCE! - THE WITNESS OF HIS RESURRECTION!

Jesus did not only demonstrate His resurrection to those in the 1st Century... He has been doing demonstrations to His resurrection (that He is alive) still to this day!

This expression “*witnesses unto me*” quoted from the lips of Jesus Christ has a direct link to *the Spiritual exploits* which become the testimony (witness) to Christ’ *resurrection* by- which are done through the believers making *Christ evident*, and which is seen later in Scripture as seen below.

Acts 4:25-31 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? (Ps.2) The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings; and ...grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and THAT SIGNS AND WONDERS MAY BE DONE BY THE NAME OF THY HOLY CHILD JESUS.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

...Chronologically here it is *the same group* from **Acts 2** and others who came along with them that are the ones *being refilled with the Spirit*. Notice that it was through PRAYER that this power from God was *given* even the refilling of power for “the witness of Jesus” by spiritual exploits.

Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles WITNESS OF THE RESURRECTION of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

IT WAS “**WITH GREAT POWER**” BY HIS SPIRIT THAT THEY GAVE “**WITNESS TO HIS RESURRECTION**”... DEMONSTRATING THAT JESUS WAS ALIVE FROM THE DEAD... THIS IS WHAT THE BIBLE DECLAIRS AS “**GREAT GRACE**” AT WORK. The Holy Spirit wants you too to be *so filled with his Spirit* that He is able to work His demonstrations through you *releasing* “**Great Grace**” into people’s lives. With that statement I mean that God wants this “**Great Grace**” that is seen *through His spiritual gifts* in demonstration *to be His unveiling*... AS “**THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE GOSPEL**” IS REVEALED TO EVERY SINGLE SOUL UPON EARTH! This is the purpose from such exploits in His Name. Here is where mere religions is and Christianity are separated by the living person of Jesus Christ alive!

NOW YOU NEED TO DISCOVER SOMETHING HERE ABOUT THE EARLY CHURCH... It is impossible for believers to live a true spiritual life *in times such as they had* without the necessity of being *refilled with His Spirit*! How much more should we taught from them in their spiritual example of *LIVING IN THE STRENGTH OF HIS SPIRIT AND POWER*... toward us living in times such as today? They were all filled!

Vs. 31b...they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Boldness in their witness was what was needed to retaliate against the powers of darkness. In spiritual warfare the Holy Spirit who is called the “Greater One” takes us over doing His exploits which cannot be stopped by the enemy. Please Live It!

1Jn. 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Reliance upon the Holy Spirit and His working through us is how we reverses and destroys Satan’s schemes in the earth.

1Jn. 3:8b ...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

There is nothing which destroys Satan’s works more than the resurrection power of His Holy Spirit at work! These believers sought to receive more of His power to overcome

the enemy. They had been filled through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit but now they when on to continue to be refilled by this power. IT IS ONLY THROUGH PRAYER THAT WE CAN RECEIVE THIS REFILLING POWER.

1Corin. 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all...

Here the Apostle Paul gives us a key in on receiving this refilling power. There are *two* different operations of *speaking in tongues* that of the prophetic utterance to be used in delivering a *prophetic message* to the body of believers *publicly* in the church, and that of praying in a *private prayer language of tongues* – the ability to pray in the Spirit by the heavenly language of which the Holy Spirit builds up and refills our spiritual inner man.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost...

So there is a difference of being *filled* and *refilled with the Spirit* then that of *being filled through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit*. Being *filled* and *refilling* is spoken of many times in the New Testament the Apostles Paul even commands it in...

Eph. 5:18be filled with the Spirit...

The *filling* and *refilling* is spoken of here. The verse actually says *in the Greek* –

“Be Continually Filled With The Spirit”...

In the O.T. being filled meets a special privilege given to a select few (Exodus 31:3; Numbers 11:29). In the book of Joel he prophecies in the last days the outpouring would be upon ***“all flesh.”*** (Joel 2:28). The first outpouring was on the day of Pentecost: “And they were ***all filled*** with the Holy Spirit and ***began to speak with other tongues***, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4). Peter announced of Joel’s prophecy was the fulfilling and Jesus was glorified (Acts 2:16,17,32,33). That day was the first of “the last days”... the beginning of *the age of the church*.

Filled is a term used six times in Acts in relating to the Spirit. Two other instances of the infilling are described (2:4;9:17). Other terms for the *initial infilling* are ***“baptized with the Holy Spirit”*** (1:5; 11:16), “the gift of the Holy Spirit” (2:38), and statements that *the Spirit “fell”* or ***“came upon”*** (10:44; 19:6) believers. In three other places, a *refilling* is denoted (4:8,31; 13:9).

WE NEED THE FILLINGS AND REFILLINGS OF THE SPIRIT

Acts 4 gives us more insights of definite *refilling*. Peter and John arrested... were warned by the Sanhedrin do not to preach in Jesus’ name again. As soon as they were released, they went to the home of Mary, John Mark’s mother, and reported to the believers gathered there. THERE WAS AN IMMEDIATE SPIRITUAL RETALIATION WHICH THEN PROCEEDS THROUGH PRAYER BECAUSE...

2Corin. 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds...

Luke tells us, “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***” (v. 31).

These were given *a fresh endowment of power* so they might act with more boldness, because a new situation would need a new anointing of power beyond the last.

SOME OF YOU HAVE THINGS GOING ON IN YOUR LIVES RIGHT NOW AND YOU ARE LIVING OFF OF PAST ANOINTINGS AND FILLINGS BUT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH TO GET YOU THROUGH... YOU NEED THE SPIRIT OF GOD TO BREAK YOU THROUGH BY HIS FRESH ANOINTING!

Mic. 2:13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

When you have circumstances which befalls you and you can't see your way through it is time for a fresh anointing from God! “*The Breaker*” here in this passage is Jesus Christ which goes ahead of us, leading us through His Holy Spirit. The believers in the early church face opposition as they do today. *Had they lost the Baptism? Can the Spirit leak out? Not at all. Yet, the freshness of anointed power is always required for overcoming circumstances – new challenges and doing new exploits of the Lord are required here.*

Please take an account of your needs and what workings the Spirit needs generate in order to accomplish the new things of the Lord in your life. Here we need *to be continually filled and refilled* through our intimate relationship with the Lord.

So when it came to Peter's experience before the Sanhedrin, when they tried to condemn the work being done in the name of Jesus... *Acts* tells us that Peter “***filled with the Spirit***” acted boldly and spiritually forcefully to the end that the audience “*marveled*” and took account that such wisdom and power was given to Peter and John *by being with Jesus* (4:13). Peter received *a fresh infilling* which gave him *sudden inspirational* and *invincible boldness*.

GOD'S SPECIAL IMPARTATION OF POWER AND FRESH ANOINTING

The dynamic impartation of this special anointing in the life of Paul when he pronounced a miracle of judgment on Elymas the sorcerer, blinded him. The result of this miracle was that the top leader Cyprus came to believe on “the doctrine of the Lord” and the gospel was spread (Acts 13:9-12). The *refilling* met the special needs.

NEEDS THAT WE LEAVE UNATTENDED CAN COME BACK TO BIT US!

Are you faced with *special needs* that have you considered and have *cried out* to God for... this *fresh anointing* and *refilling* of the Holy Spirit to so *refresh* and *fill* you... and

so prepare you to bring you through to VICTORY!

The Bible says...

“Be Continually Filled With The Holy Spirit.”

IMPOTENCY - THE DANGERS OF NEGLECT

These glorious happenings all came about in the church *by being filled and refilled* with the Spirit of God. All these *blessings* and *endowments* given are to all the ministers of the church body – *all the believers...* it is abundantly evidenced that they are for the total church. When Paul wrote the verse in (Ephesians 5:18b) ***“be continually filled with the Spirit”*** *do you think he didn't know* that they had already been filled (Acts 19:1-6) yet Paul saw the DANGERS of them neglecting to be continually filled and refilled with the anointing power of the Spirit. *So Paul commanded the church to continue in a state of being BOTH FILLED AND REFILLED!* We know that many failures have occurred and came about in the church *due to a lack of fresh anointing and a lack of fresh refilling* in its members. We can't afford to be without the Spirit... WITHOUT THE *FILLINGS AND REFILLINGS* OF THE SPIRIT THE CHURCH IS *IMPOTENT* IN THE SPIRITUAL WORKINGS OF THE LORD... so we must *wait* upon Him and *absorb* His presence ever-fully.

How then can we neglect our need of *being filled and refilled* when we the church are so dependant upon the Lord to put us over in this fallen world. *I submit to you church that it was an error for the church to ever stop having prayer meets weekly which include all night prayer vigils in which to fill and refill...* The occurrences and exploits of the Spirit require *a fresh anointing* of His Spirit in which to work through us the body of Christ!

So where are these corporate prayer meetings any more? Because this teaching has not been emphasized about *being REFILLED...* their notion is that after they have been *Baptized in the Holy Spirit that they have enough of His Spirit*. Yet times like these *prove* OUR NEED *for boldness in our witness, as well as in demonstration of His Spirit*.

1Corin. 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power...

Paul here tells the church that the witness given to believers is not to merely speak the gospel message but *to demonstrate Jesus Christ living His life through us by the power of His Spirit...*

Jn. 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live...

Jesus said of Himself that He is the RESURRECTION and the life... so He does call His believers to witness of Him that He is alive by this RESURRECTION POWER & LIFE.

As believers we should be *filled* and *refilled* with His RESURRECTION Spirit... and then CARRY that Spirit forward into DEMONSTRATIONS... DOING EXPLOITS... THAT ALL MAY WITNESS THAT JESUS EVER-LIVES.

“The Book Of The Acts Of The Holy Spirit” by which it is truly been entitled... tells us that it is NORMATIVE to expect *these exploits as a witness* to every unbeliever THROUGH YOU THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER.

We are working with Jesus Christ... Jesus who is in us... who demonstrates Himself through us as we are *filled* and *refilled* with His Spirit.

Mk. 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

ARE YOU A CARRIER OF THIS POWERFUL ANOINTING THAT DEMONSTRATES JESUS CHRIST TO THE UNBELIEVING WORLD?

As a true believer and follower of Jesus Christ the Bible says you have this capacity to do so, Jesus has given this capacity to you. **NOW WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THIS CAPACITY? WILL YOU PRAY?... WILL YOU BECOME REFILLED?...**

God is calling His church to come up to this level... and these times demand this level of His Power in your life!

NO FORMULAS GIVEN- ONLY WAITING MINISTRY UNTO THE LORD

Our understanding is that *the first outpouring* the believers received when they were continually in the temple ministering to the Lord ***“praising and blessing God”*** (Luke 24:53), ***“in prayer”*** (Acts 1:14), and ***“with one accord”*** (Acts 2:1). The outpouring at Samaria by Philip’s preaching and by the apostles’ was by laying hands on previously alienated Samaritans (Acts 8:14-17). At the home of Cornelius ***“while Peter was still speaking ... the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word”*** (Acts 10:44). The Holy Spirit came on the 12 Ephesian disciples *when they received the full gospel* (Acts 19:1-7). The church at Laodicea *had once been on fire with love for Jesus, filled with the Spirit*. They failed to keep intimate interactive fellowship with Jesus and His Holy Spirit current and had rather turned to *“Natural Religion”* to fulfill them instead. Jesus sent them a message: ***“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me”*** (Revelation 3:20). Jesus is here appealing to *the individual* and *not the institution* so that as a church they might be *“refilled”* through *intimate interaction...* their fellowship with Him *again* like the first.

EAGLES WINGS - OUR MOUNTING UP WITH HIS MIGHT AND POWER

The power for these exploits which exemplify Jesus Christ alive from the dead – this resurrection power is available to any and all believers who hunger for it.

So seeing so many examples of *being filled* and *refilled* you may ask... so what is the *formula to being filled* continually and *refilled*? They is NONE! Only *a thirst* and *a crying out from our inner man* will be answered by Him... only *a panting* for His water

brooks of *the fresh Spirit* will do. When we *so thirst... and so pant...* waiting upon Him... pursuing after Him *praying in the Spirit* then and *only* then will we receive *this new anointing, fresh wave...* this new *impartation of power...* which will mount us up like the wings of eagles!

Isaiah 40:31 But they that Wait upon the LORD shall Renew their Strength; they shall Mount Up with wings as eagles; they shall Run, and not be weary; and they shall Walk, and not Faint.

The Spirit is *renewed in our human spirit ...* we are filled and refilled with His endowment of “*anointed power*” - the *Spirit of Might and Power* comes *only* by waiting upon the Lord. What comes to His church is *an anointing for spiritual success and VICTORY!...*

Isaiah 11:2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall Rest Upon Him, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and of the Fear (Reverence) of the LORD...

***HIS MIGHT OR RESURRECTION POWER* WORKING BY HIS ABILITY, HIS SPIRIT WORKING THROUGH US... GIVES BELIEVERS THE MEANS OF BEING OVERCOMERS IN THIS WORLD!**

Right about now somebody (*the spiritual ones – the overcomers*) should be asking me the question, “*So where is the weekly corporate prayer meeting being held, and what time are we gathering there?*”

JOEL’S “RESSURRECTION POWER FILLED” ARMY CALLED THE CHURCH
Make note to this vision given to Joel about the last day church under the influence of God’s powerful resurrection anointing. The revival that we all have heard of as coming is in reality already here. It is in the realm of the Spirit that it is unleashed. Anytime that the people of God wait upon the Lord becoming filled up and refilled with His Spirit they become warriors of God who work in exploits doing His will in the earth. We need not to see this revival as one that is futurist for many faithful have already birth revivals into existence through prayer. When the power of God so fills and refills His vessel it must overflow. It is out of this overflow that revival takes place both individually and corporately. The fire of His Spirit here in the Scripture passage below speaks to us about the “*witness of His resurrection*” being made evident to all. The resurrection power is moving before them and behind them... leaving its residue. The Bible says that “*God is a consuming fire*”... so *the flame* at works here that is that is *burning...* consuming... the very *demonstration* of His power at work.

Joel 2:5b-7; 9 ...a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. *The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so*

shall they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path; and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

Notice while these run in battle that before them is Eden, and behind them desolation. This speaks of the army of the Lord who has been sent to save else rejection of Jesus Christ ensues His judgment. These are those who have been anointed mightily by His Spirit in these last days to save the lost. These have a revival going in their souls at all times... so their revival is perpetual... This true revival changes everything in its path!!! There is nothing of Satan here to stop them from their purpose "in Christ," demonstrating the power of His Spirit with signs and wonders following.

***Matt. 16:18b ... the gates of hell shall not prevail against it** (His church).*

SHALL NOT PREVAIL! JESUS SAYS...

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