

# Be Filled

## On Being Christian #3 – Pastor Gary Combs – 11/8/15 – 1 John 4:11-18

1 John 4:11-18 (ESV) <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

### HOW TO BE CONTINUALLY FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT:

#### 1. Understand the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_.

John 14:16-17 (NLT) "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you."

Matthew 28:19 (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### 2. Rely on the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 1:8 (ESV) But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...

John 15:1-11 (NASB) "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser... Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing... "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples...These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full."

#### 3. Yield to the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 5:18 (NLT) Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. ("be filled" imperative present tense)

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of **power** and love and self-control.

1 John 3:2 (NLT) Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

**Why is the average Christian not filled with the Spirit?**

**How can we be filled with the Holy Spirit?**