

Treasure Hunt

"How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit – Part 1"

Acts 2:1-13 – January 15, 2017

Our Series Together

TREASURE HUNT		
A 40-Day Holy Spirit Experiment from Acts 2		
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The 40 Day Holy Spirit Experiment – For the first 40 days of 2017, I'm going to wake up each day and pray this prayer:

Holy Spirit, please fill me today. Sit in the driver's seat of my life. Direct, control, and empower my life. Prompt me, and I will obey.

How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-13)

1. **Believe:** Place your trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (v.1)

- What happens in Acts 2, presupposes all that happened in the Gospels. This is made explicit in God's chosen timing of the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost:

The 7 Jewish Feasts and Their Fulfillment		
FEAST OF	O.T. MEANING	N.T. FULFILLMENT
Passover	Celebrate Israel's deliverance from slavery	Christ's death
Unleavened Bread	Remember hardships of quick exodus	Christ's burial
First Fruits	Consecrate first of barley harvest	Christ's resurrection
Weeks (Pentecost)	Consecrate first of wheat harvest	Christ's Spirit poured out; harvest of souls
Trumpets	Usher in the Jewish New Year	Christ's return
Day of Atonement	Atonement for sins of entire nation	Christ saves Israel
Booths	Remembering God's provision	Christ's Millennial Reign

- Before you can celebrate Pentecost, you must first celebrate Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits.
- Before you can receive the Holy Spirit, you must first believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-4** – Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
- Acts 2:38** – Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- My Next Step Today:** I choose to believe in Jesus today.

Lord Jesus, I tell you that I am sorry for my sins, and I repent. I believe that You died on the cross, were buried, and on the third day rose from the dead. You are alive! I receive You into my life. I receive Your forgiveness of my sins and eternal life. And I receive the gift of Your Spirit into my life.

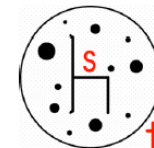
- My Next Step This Month:** I choose to celebrate my belief through baptism. Our next immersion baptism service is on Sunday, January 29, after the second service. To sign up contact Joy at 281-646-1903 x.111 or jperozo@whatisgrace.org or online <http://www.whatisgrace.org/events/>

2. **Receive:** Surrender control of your life to the Spirit of Jesus Christ (vv.2-4)

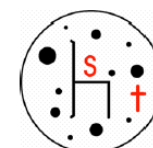
- You can no more control the Holy Spirit than you can control the wind. But you can surrender to the wind and allow it to control and empower you. [sailing and windmills]
- Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a result of **Surrender** – yielding control of the driver's seat of your life to Christ's Spirit.

	Indwelt by the Spirit	Filled with the Spirit
Jesus is...	Savior	Lord
Spirit is...	Resident	President
Control	I have the Spirit	The Spirit has me
Evangelical lingo	Baptism of the Spirit	Filling of the Spirit
Pentecostal lingo	Conversion	Baptism of the Spirit
Apostles experienced	Acts 2:4	2:4; 4:8,31; 6:3,5; 7:55; 11:24; 13:9,52
Faith	Depend on Jesus for my eternal salvation to go to heaven	Depend on Jesus for everything in my life
Frequency	One time; never lose	Repeated; can be lost
Who?	All believers	Only surrendered believers

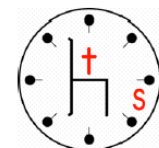
- The 3 circle diagrams:



Neither indwelt nor filled



Indwelt but not filled



Indwelt and filled

- The Bible's analogy for being filled: intoxication (v.13)
- **Ephesians 5:18** – *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.*

Drunk on Wine	Filled with God's Spirit
Intoxicated/controlled by alcohol	Intoxicated/controlled by God's Spirit
Do what alcohol influences you to do	Do what Spirit influences you to do
Self in the driver's seat of your life	God's Spirit in driver's seat of your life

- **My Next Step This Week:** Take the 40 Day Experiment by truly surrendering control of the driver's seat of my life to God's Spirit.

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The Results of Being Filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-13)

1. Supernatural living (vv.12-13)

- All the people saw a notable difference in the disciples after they were indwelt and filled with the Holy Spirit.
- People who are intoxicated with God's Spirit display supernatural qualities in their lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

2. Supernatural witnessing (vv.4-11,41)

- This is truly miraculous! Visitors from all over the world are hearing the Gospel in their own language from people who do not know their language! The churchy term for this is "speaking in tongues."
- Three types of speaking in tongues in the Bible:
 - (a) *Witnessing* – Sharing the Gospel in a language you've never learned before (Acts 2)
 - (b) *Prophetic word* – Sharing a word from God with other believers in a language you've never learned before. Requires an interpretation (1 Corinthians 14)
 - (c) *Private prayer language* – Talking to God in a heavenly (angelic) language that you do not know (Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1).
- Take note: The first occurrence in the Bible of speaking in tongues was for the purpose of witnessing. God wants the unsaved to hear the Good News of Jesus!!!
- **My Next Step This Week:** How does God want to use my Spirit-filled life to share Jesus Christ with others? What supernatural thing does God want to do to show off Jesus?

My Next Step on the Discipleship Journey – In Acts 2:42-47 we see the very first believers (the early church) taking significant steps to grow in their relationship with God. Their spiritual lives are admirable and worth imitating in the power of the Spirit. Let's all ask: "Where am I on my discipleship journey, and what is my next step?"

- **Where am I on my discipleship journey?** Am I...
 - ☐ **Exploring Christ:** "I believe in God, but I am not sure about Christ. My faith is not a significant part of my life."
 - ☐ **Growing in Christ:** "I believe in Jesus, and I am working on what it means to get to know Him."
 - ☐ **Close to Christ:** "I feel really close to Christ and depend on Him daily for guidance."
 - ☐ **Christ-centered:** "My relationship with Jesus is the most important relationship in my life. It guides everything I do."
- **What is my next step on my discipleship journey?** As God's Spirit shows you, we invite you to take a Post-it, Foot-shaped Step Paper and write your next step and post it on the massive Discipleship Journey Board in the lobby of the worship center.

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY



Exploring Christ Growing in Christ Close to Christ Christ-centered

NEXT STEP IDEAS ON MY DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY		
Take Alpha	Quiet Time Journaling	Quiet Time Journaling
Come to church regularly	Try a small group (Community Step)	Go on a mission trip
Take Starting Steps (take First Step)	Begin serving (Serving Step)	Faithful in serving
Begin praying daily	Go on mission trip	Take Perspectives
Receive Christ	Take EHS	Be an apprentice
Get baptized	Faithful in church	Be a leader
Love spouse better	Share my faith	Give my life away