**CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

 **Weekly Bible Study**

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 **Exploits Through The Filling Of The Holy Spirit (Part 2) study 5**

**TEXT**: 2 Corinthians 4:1-7

**MEMORY VERSE**: ***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 Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth****.*

 The divine treasures of unction is better than gold or rubbies. In actual fact, nothing in this life can be compared with it! You cannot match Pharaoh's authority and affluence with the grace upon Joseph in Egypt! Neither can you match the pentecostal unction and it's effect on Apostle Peter's ministry with that of Caiaphas the Jewish high Priest. The Holy Ghost fills vessels with virtues, gifts, power and fruits that bring special exploits such as; salvation to sinners, solution to problems, healing for the sick, deliverance for the oppressed and hope to hopeless situations! Pipelines that supply the refined petroleum products to different depots across the country are usually given special attention because of the treasure within! So does God give special attention to the carriers if His power. The Holy Spirit has prepared precious treasures to fill your heart and life with. The filling of the Spirit makes you a rare gem!

**WHAT WILL THE HOLY SPIRIT FILL YOUR LIFE WITH? Romans 15:13-19.**

 Let us look at what the Holy Spirit wants to supply and fill your life with in order to achieve God's purpose for you and others.

 As seen in the above scripture, Paul and the Roman believers were filled with joy, peace, hope, power, goodness, knowledge, mighty signs and wonders etc. Every believer can be filled likewise to achieve God's result in daily living. 1Peter 2:9.

**1. Unsaved individuals cannot partake in the filling of the Holy Spirit. Rather they are filled with unimaginable evil, self, corruption, lust, demons etc. See Romans 1:29-32. When so filled, their heart becomes desperately wicked!**

*i. The mind of man has gates, doors and windows of entry and exit physically and spiritually. Satan, sin, lust, demons etc when given access will engage and fill such a heart to scheme, execute and fulfill all sort of ungodly desires. Genesis 6:1-5.*

*ii. At salvation, sin is forgiven and its power conquered! The heart must be purged, filled and Sealed* ***b****y the Holy Spirit. This is where victory and security of a child of God lie! Ephesians 1:13; 4:30.*

**2. Every believer has to take responsibility of keeping clean, pure, holy, and fully separated unto God, in order to be resourcefully filled by the Holy Spirit. Proverb 4:23.**

**3. The Holy Spirit fills believers in two principal ways :**

*i. With the fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-24. This fills you with the nature and character of God. It empowers you to do the will of God on earth as it isin heaven!*

**Question:**

*a). Mention the fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22,23.*

*b) What impact can each make in the life of a child of God when filled with it?*

*c) How can you be filled with the fruits of the spirit? 2Timothy 2:21,22.*

*ii. How can you be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit?. 1Corinthian 12:4 -11.*

 *The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for specific, diverse operations and empowerment to equip believers to do the naturally impossible! It is God in action in His chosen and filled vessel.*

**Question:**

*a) Mention the gifts of the Spirit as itemized in 1Corinthians 12:7-10.*

*b) When your life is filled with each of these gifts, what difference will it make in the Church?*

*c) What can you do to make this possible? John 7:37, 38.*

**4. The filling of the Holy Spirit brings to your heart the following:**

*i. Conscious knowledge of God's mind for you to fulfill in a given situation.*

*ii. Boldness to do the needful. Acts 4:13.*

*iii. Authority and divine manifestation of God's glory as you act in obedience .*

**5. The filling of the Holy Spirit can be enhanced in the following ways:**

*i. Problem, situation and challenge that drive one to seek the Lord for help. Acts 4:23-31.*

*ii. Ardent study of literatures and scripture for revival. Daniel 9:1-3.*

*iii. Fasting and prayer with a burdened heart.*

*iv. Personal and corporate vibrant worship. Acts 2:1-3.*

*v. Thirst and hunger for righteousness Matthew 5:6.*

**6.** How will the Spirit fill you? *The Holy Spirit major focus is to fill you with understanding, knowledge and power to effect His counsel from time to time.*

*He does this through;*

*i. The inspired word/scripture.*

*ii. Dream, vision and trance as with Joseph, Daniel and Peter. Acts 10:9-11.*

*iii. Inspiration, creative ideas as with Bezaleel. Exodus 31:1-5.*

*iv. Impartations as in the case of Mary and Elizabeth! Luke 1:39-42.*

*v. Laying of hands. Acts 9:17.*

*vi. Other biblical means that God may choose. Isaiah 55:9.*

**7. To do exploits in Christ today, seek with earnest zeal to constantly experience the 'filling with the Spirit".**

*Prayer:*

*1. Lord, I want to experience a new and higher dimension of your power in my life.*

*2. Lord, create in me a thirst and hunger for this filling experience.*

*3. Lord, let your glory shine forth through my life. Amen.*

**HYMN: Pentecostal Power**