

Ephesians 5:18

Be Filled with the Spirit

Extraordinary power ...

I. Spirit-filled People

A. Sealed & Sober

B. Filled & Being Filled

C. Indwelt & Intentional

II. Surprising Results

A. Evidence in Your Life

B. Evidence in the Church

C. Evidence of Christ's Presence

... for ordinary folks.

Children, Listen ...

1. Do all true Christians have the Holy Spirit present in their lives?
2. What are some things that show that the Holy Spirit is at work in us?
3. When the Holy Spirit is at work in the church, how will people act toward one another?
4. Look up Galatians 5:22,23 and talk to your parents about the fruit of the Spirit.

The Extraordinary Ordinary Christian Life

The Holy Spirit indwells all true Christians. At the same time, we are exhorted to pursue the presence and work of the Spirit in our lives as a matter of course. This involves prayer, the pursuit of the Word of God, continual awareness God's presence as well as an intentional effort to live under the influence of the Holy Spirit. We may be under the impression that being filled with the Holy Spirit should produce an electrifying surge of spiritual ecstasy or enable us to do spectacular miraculous acts, perhaps like the original disciples of Christ. If that is our expectation, we will be disappointed. The primary work of the indwelling Spirit is to enable us to live for Jesus in our everyday lives – something that is quite remarkable in and of itself. We must never diminish the power and glory of the Holy Spirit, but we must not miss the fact that the extraordinary work of the Spirit is ordinarily at work in ordinary believers like you and me.