

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT - Part I

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EXCERPT -- "By perpetrating *EXTRAVAGANT ABUSES* throughout different sects of professing Christianity concerning the *DOCTRINE* of the Holy Spirit, put forth by *UNREGENERATE AND SENSUAL SOULS* on *ONE* side, and by *UNREGENERATE AND LEGALISTIC SOULS* on the *OTHER*, Satan has managed to almost *COMPLETELY NEUTRALIZE* the *TRUTH* of the *DOCTRINE* of the *BAPTISM AND FILLING* of the Holy Spirit altogether. And no wonder, for there is *NOTHING* that Satan fears *MORE* in this world than this *TRUTH* of being *GENUINELY BAPTIZED IN AND FILLED* with the Holy Spirit. Nothing *WHATSOEVER*, for not even Satan *HIMSELF* can stand before a *GENUINELY SPIRIT-FILLED* Christian."

"And the disciples were **FILLED** with joy, **AND WITH THE HOLY GHOST.**" *Acts 13:52*

"Be **FILLED** with the Spirit." *Ephesians 5:18*

"Now if any man have **NOT** the Spirit of Christ, **HE IS NONE OF HIS.**" *Romans 8:9*

Being *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit bears *NO* resemblance *WHATSOEVER* to such caricatures as "catching the spirit" or "the American spirit" or "the spirit of a horse" or "the spirit of the team" or "the spirit of the age" and so on. No, being *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit means being *ENDUED* with the *UNCTION*, or *POWER*, of an *INDWELLING PERSON*, and that *INDWELLING PERSON* just happens to be *ALMIGHTY GOD HIMSELF*. That's what being *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit means, for the Spirit of Christ, who is the *PERSON* of the Holy Spirit, is *ALMIGHTY GOD HIMSELF* -- not *MERELY* God -- but *ALMIGHTY GOD* -- *FULL* of *MAJESTY*, *HOLINESS*, and *AWE*, and *EQUAL* to the Father and the Son -- and so being *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit means being *FILLED* with the *POWER* of the *INDWELLING PERSON* of *ALMIGHTY GOD HIMSELF*, even as Jesus promised when he told his disciples --

"And, behold, I send the **PROMISE OF MY FATHER** upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **ENDUED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH.**" *Luke 24:49*

Of course, the *FIRST* time a man ever becomes *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit *ALWAYS* occurs upon the *MOMENT* of his *REGENERATION*, or *NEW BIRTH*, and this *FILLING* of the Holy Spirit is a *MANIFEST EXPERIENCE* -- *MANIFEST* -- *MANIFEST* -- *MANIFEST EXPERIENCE* -- a *MANIFEST EXPERIENCE* of which *ALL* who partake can *FEEL* and *REMEMBER* and *GLORY* in, which is why the New Testament writers -- Paul, Peter, John -- *ALWAYS*, *ALWAYS*, *ALWAYS* referred to the *INDWELLING* of the Holy Spirit as a *MANIFEST EXPERIENCE*, a *MANIFEST EXPERIENCE* of which *ALL* who had partaken were *ACUTELY AWARE*, as will be *DEMONSTRATED* herein. In the meantime, the following quotations *MIMIC* the New Testament writers -- Paul, Peter, John -- and are therefore representative of *ALL* such *EXPERIENCES* of being *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit --

"People are not born again when they are in bed and asleep, so that they do not know it. They FEEL it; they EXPERIENCE it. Galvanism, or the power of ELECTRICITY, may be mysterious; BUT THEY PRODUCE A FEELING, A SENSATION. SO DOES THE NEW BIRTH." *C. H. Spurgeon, The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Volume I, The Victory Of Faith*

"The doctrine of REGENERATION is absolutely foundational. It is because so many do not realize this that they have a wrong view of evangelism, and become interested overmuch in decisions... IN EVERY SINGLE INSTANCE THAT IS GIVEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT OF PEOPLE RECEIVING THIS GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, IT IS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY MUCH AND STRONG FEELING, AND BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED IT... The answer of the New Testament is that when the Holy Spirit came upon the early Christians they knew it... YOU CANNOT BE BAPTIZED OR FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT WITHOUT KNOWING IT." *D. M. Lloyd-Jones -- Romans, The Sons Of God*

"Had I a mind to HINDER THE PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL, and to ESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS, I WOULD GO ABOUT TELLING PEOPLE THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD, AND YET NOT FEEL IT." *George Whitefield, The Indwelling Of The Spirit*

"In the Scriptures and in church history, PERSONS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT ALWAYS KNEW THEY WERE FILLED, AND IT WAS AN INSTANTANEOUS ACT, NOT A GRADUAL FILLING." *A. W. Tozer, The Tozer Pulpit, Vol II*

"Now if any man have NOT the Spirit of Christ, HE IS NONE OF HIS." *Romans 8:9*

EVERY single person who has been **GENUINELY BORN AGAIN** and thereby **FILLED** with the Holy Spirit can **HONESTLY** and **LEGITIMATELY** share the testimonies above, for as a matter of fact, you cannot be **BORN AGAIN** without also being **FILLED** with the Holy Spirit, for that is the **VERY FIRST ACT** that the Holy Spirit performs after bestowing **SUPERNATURAL FAITH** to the **NEWLY REGENERATED BELIEVER** -- and of course, in contravention of the unregenerate free-willer who is utterly ignorant of the operations of the Holy Spirit and his ways, a **DEAD** spirit **CANNOT RECEIVE FAITH**, nor can a **DEAD** spirit **ACT FAITH**, not **SAVING FAITH** -- which is why the New Testament also **EXPLICITLY** teaches that **FAITH -- SAVING FAITH, SUPERNATURAL FAITH** -- is a **GIFT** of the Holy Spirit **HIMSELF**, a **GIFT** that can **ONLY** be bestowed upon a **LIVING SPIRIT**, a **REGENERATED SPIRIT** -- and thus as a **RESULT** of that **SUPERNATURAL FAITH**, that **SAVING FAITH**, having just been bestowed upon the **NEWLY REGENERATED BELIEVER**, the **FILLING** of the Holy Spirit **INFALLIBLY FOLLOWS** -- I say, as a **RESULT** of that **SUPERNATURAL FAITH**, that **SAVING FAITH**, which has been bestowed upon the **NEWLY REGENERATED BELIEVER** upon the **MOMENT** of **REGENERATION**, the **FILLING** of the Holy Spirit **INFALLIBLY FOLLOWS** -- **EXACTLY** as described in the **EXPERIENCES** above [[Galatians 3:2](#), [Ephesians 2:8](#), [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)].

And anyone who tells you that you can be **BORN AGAIN** and yet **NOT** be **FILLED** with the Holy Spirit upon the **MOMENT** of **REGENERATION**, or who tells you that **SAVING FAITH** is **NOT** a **GIFT**, indeed, **ANYONE** who spawns these doctrines of devils is the very **MOUTHPIECE OF SATAN**, and one who, like Korah, will perish in his gainsaying [[Jude 1:11](#)], for he who teaches such things is a **DESTROYER OF SOULS**, and is **WHOLLY** of the **FLESH**, and is himself a complete **STRANGER** to the **SUPERNATURAL MIRACLE** of the **NEW BIRTH**.

"Now if any man have **NOT** the Spirit of Christ, **HE IS NONE OF HIS.**" *Romans 8:9*

"A certain teaching tells us to 'take it by faith' and not to worry about feelings. 'You may feel nothing at all,' it says, 'but if you believe this Word and its teaching you can take the Holy Spirit by faith irrespective of any feeling.' **THE WHOLE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT TEACHES THE OPPOSITE.** So does the subsequent history of the Christian Church... **YOU CANNOT BE BAPTIZED OR FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHOUT KNOWING IT. IT IS THE GREATEST EXPERIENCE ONE CAN EVER KNOW. THE TEACHING THAT ASSURES US THAT WE MAY FEEL NOTHING AT ALL RUNS ENTIRELY CONTRARY NOT ONLY TO THE TEACHING OF THE SCRIPTURE BUT TO THE RECORDED EXPERIENCES OF COUNTLESS CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES.**" *D. M. Lloyd-Jones, Romans - The Sons Of God*

"You must be **INVADED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD** by means of **SUPERNATURAL RECREATION...** **BEWARE OF THE TENDENCY TO WATER DOWN THE SUPERNATURAL IN RELIGION.**" *Oswald Chambers, Approved Unto God*

The doctrine of our regeneration, or new birth in Christ Jesus, though one of the most fundamental doctrines of our holy religion; though so plainly and often pressed on us in sacred writ, that he who runs may read; nay though it is the very hinge on which the salvation of each of us turns, and a point too in which all sincere Christians, of every denomination, agree; yet it is so seldom considered, **AND SO LITTLE EXPERIMENTALLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE GENERALITY OF PROFESSORS, THAT WERE WE TO JUDGE OF THE TRUTH OF IT, BY THE EXPERIENCE OF MOST WHO CALL THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS, WE SHOULD BE APT TO IMAGINE THEY HAD NOT SO MUCH AS HEARD WHETHER THERE BE ANY SUCH THING AS REGENERATION OR NOT.**" *George Whitefield, On Regeneration*

I could not make another man understand the **FORCE** of an **ELECTRIC SHOCK** unless he has felt it... **THOSE OF YOU THAT NEVER FELT THE SPIRIT'S ENERGY, ARE AS MUCH STRANGERS TO IT AS A STONE WOULD BE.** You are out of your element when you hear of the Spirit. **YOU KNOW NOTHING OF HIS DIVINE POWER; YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN TAUGHT OF HIM.**" *C. H. Spurgeon -- Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Vol VI, The Teaching Of The Holy Ghost*

To be perfectly clear, any time a man tells you that he doesn't believe in the **ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD** in the salvation of the soul, including the **MANIFEST FILLING** of the Holy Spirit upon the **MOMENT** of **REGENERATION**, any man who tells you that his **OWN NATURAL FAITH** is what brought him to Christ -- which, by the way, is **SHEER BLASPHEMY** -- indeed, any man who tells you such a thing is a man who **GIVES HIMSELF AWAY IMMEDIATELY**, and you may therefore be **INFALLIBLY CERTAIN -- INFALLIBLY CERTAIN --** that such a man is absolutely **CLUELESS** about the Holy Spirit and his ways, that such a man has **NEVER** been **GENUINELY** born again himself, that such a man knows absolutely **NOTHING WHATSOEVER** of **SAVING FAITH, SUPERNATURAL FAITH**, and that such a man consequently has **NEVER** actually **EXPERIENCED** the **INDWELLING** of the Holy Spirit himself, no matter how much he protests to the contrary. It ain't merely **IMPROBABLE**; it is **IMPOSSIBLE**. Wait and see, for God **ALONE** will be glorified in the salvation of **EVERY SINGLE SOUL** of his **ELECT** in the day of judgment, and that **INCLUDES** God's **GIVING OF FAITH, SAVING FAITH, SUPERNATURAL FAITH**. And there will not be a **SINGLE** exception. In short, the man who thinks that **HIS OWN ARM** brought him salvation, that **HIS OWN NATURAL FAITH** made him to **DIFFER**, indeed, such a man is a **FOUL STENCH** in the nostrils of God, and **HE WILL BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY BY JESUS CHRIST** on the day of judgment. Wait, I say, and see.

"Now if any man have **NOT** the Spirit of Christ, **HE IS NONE OF HIS.**" *Romans 8:9*

"All the professors that have not **FAITH WHICH FLOWETH FROM BEING BORN OF GOD** [supernatural faith], will seek to enter into heaven, and shall not be able." *John Bunyan, The Strait Gate*

"There is also that **FREE-WILLER**, who **DENIES** to the Holy Ghost the **SOLE WORK IN CONVERSION...** touching whose damnation, they dying as they are, the Scripture is plain: **THESE WILL SEEK TO ENTER TO INTO HEAVEN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE.**" *John Bunyan, The Strait Gate*

"Jesus Christ must be **REVEALED** by the Holy Ghost -- no man knows the things of God but by the Holy Ghost... the **FINAL FLASH** that introduces your heart to Jesus must be by that **ILLUMINATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF**, or it isn't done at all." *A. W. Tozer, The Tozer Pulpit, Vol II*

"**WHEN I FIRST DISCOVERED WHAT FAITH REALLY WAS, AND EXERCISED IT** -- for with me these two things came together, **I BELIEVED AS SOON AS EVER I KNEW WHAT BELIEVING MEANT** -- then I thought I had never before heard that truth preached." *C. H. Spurgeon, Autobiography -- The Great Change - Conversion*

"**NONE OF US BELIEVE BY NATURE:** but after the Holy Ghost has convinced us of the sin of our natures, and the sin of our lives and duties, in order to convince us of our utter inability to save ourselves, **AND THAT WE MUST BE BEHOLDEN TO GOD, AS FOR EVERYTHING ELSE, SO FOR FAITH** (without which it is impossible to please, or be saved by Christ) **HE CONVINCES US ALSO, THAT WE HAVE NO FAITH.**" *George Whitefield, Sermon, The Holy Spirit Convincing The World Of Sin, Righteousness, And Judgment*

Yet, the *FILLING* of the Holy Spirit -- which is a *MANIFEST EXPERIENCE* in *EVERY* believer, *EXACTLY* as described in the quotations given earlier -- indeed, the *FILLING* of the Holy Spirit nevertheless *VARIABLES* with each *REGENERATE* believer, for the *AMOUNT*, or *DEGREE*, of the *FILLING* of the Holy Spirit is *CONTINGENT* upon the *SIZE* of the container, which is to say, the *DEGREE* to which a person can be *FILLED* by the Holy Spirit is *CONTINGENT* upon the *MEASURE OF FAITH* that each *REGENERATE* believer has *RECEIVED* and now possesses [[Romans 12:3](#)]. The *GREATER* the *MEASURE OF FAITH*, the *GREATER* will be the *DEGREE* to which each *REGENERATE* believer can be *FILLED*.

Jesus, of course, possessed *IMMEASURABLE FAITH* when he was in the flesh, and was therefore able to be -- and indeed was -- *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit *WITHOUT MEASURE*, even to *OVERFLOWING* [[John 3:34](#)]. In other words, since Jesus is an *INFINITE BEING* in his own right, even when he was in the flesh, Jesus was therefore *FILLED* by the Holy Spirit to an *INFINITE DEGREE*, and he still is, and he *ALWAYS* will be, for the Holy Spirit *FLOWS THROUGH* Jesus Christ *INFINITELY*, and thence to his elect *PARTICULARLY*. Accordingly, each believer is *LIMITED* in the *FILLING* of the Holy Spirit to the *MEASURE OF FAITH* that has been dealt to him by the Father.

Nevertheless, each believer can *CONTINUALLY INCREASE* his *MEASURE OF FAITH* [[Luke 17:5-6](#), [Mark 4:24](#)], and can therefore *INCREASE* the *DEGREE* to which he can be *FILLED* by the Holy Spirit, albeit the believer will *NEVER* reach that *INFINITE DEGREE* to which Jesus can claim, for the

believer will *NEVER* be an *INFINITE* being in his own right, as Jesus is, which is why Jesus can *COMMUNICATE* with his *ELECT* all over creation *SIMULTANEOUSLY*, just like the Father and the Spirit, but *UNLIKE* Mary or any other sinner. Or, to say it another way, since Mary is a sinner like every other human who has ever been conceived, excepting only Jesus, and since Mary is a *FINITE* being like every other human who has ever been conceived, excepting only Jesus, Mary is therefore *NOT CAPABLE* of hearing the prayers of *ANYONE*, much less capable of actually answering them, as *ALL* who are *INDWELT* by the Holy Spirit *KNOW*, and know *INFALLIBLY*, for the Holy Spirit bears witness *ONLY* to Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit does *NOT* bear witness to Mary or any other sinner, and there isn't a *GENUINELY* born again Christian on this planet who doesn't know that. Not one. Wait and see.

Make no mistake, *ONLY* Jesus -- and Jesus *ALONE* -- indeed, *ONLY* Jesus is the *MEDIATOR* between God and men, and there is *NO OTHER*, not Mary, not Peter, not the Pope -- *ESPECIALLY* not the Pope -- *NO ONE*, but Jesus Christ, and *JESUS CHRIST ALONE*, just as it is written --

"For there is one God, and **ONE MEDIATOR** between God and men, **THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.**" *1 Timothy 2:5*

"Now the **SPIRIT OF GOD** is a **SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION**; but yet so as **IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST**; otherwise **THE SPIRIT WILL SHOW TO MAN NOT ANY MIGHTY THING, ITS GREAT DELIGHT BEING TO OPEN CHRIST AND TO REVEAL HIM UNTO FAITH.** Faith indeed can see him, for that is the eye of the soul; and **THE SPIRIT ALONE CAN REVEAL HIM**, that being the searcher of the deep things of God; by these therefore the mysteries of heaven are revealed and received." *John Bunyan, Justification By An Imputed Righteousness*

Moreover, there is *NO MEDIATOR* between Jesus and the sinner, for Jesus became a *MAN FOR THAT VERY REASON*, Jesus became *FLESH FOR THAT VERY REASON*, to wit, *TO BE THE MEDIATOR* between God and men, for Jesus Christ is *GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH* [[1 Timothy 3:16](#)] -- *GOD AND MAN IN ONE* -- and therefore the *ONLY* way the sinner can become *UNITED* to Jesus and God is by the *WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWING OF THE HOLY GHOST* [[Titus 3:5](#), [1 Corinthians 6:17](#), [1 Corinthians 12:13](#), [Ephesians 2:18](#)], wherein the *SINS* of *ALL THE ELECT* -- and *NO ONE* else -- were *IMPUTED* to Jesus on the *CROSS OF CHRIST*, and likewise the *RIGHTEOUSNESS OF JESUS* was *IMPUTED* to *ALL THE ELECT* -- and *NO ONE* else -- in the *RESURRECTION OF CHRIST* [[Romans 4:25](#)], for the Holy Spirit *APPLIES ALL* -- *ALL* -- the Holy Spirit *APPLIES ALL* of the *MERITS* of Jesus Christ to *ALL* he *REGENERATES AND INDWELLS* -- and to them *ONLY* -- and thus when the *REGENERATED* believer stands before God, he stands there in the *VERY RIGHTEOUSNESS* of Jesus Christ *HIMSELF* [[2 Corinthians 5:21](#), [Ephesians 2:13-18](#), [1 John 1:7](#), [Revelation 1:5](#)], and when the *REGENERATED* believer prays, his prayers pass *THROUGH* Jesus Christ, each prayer *CLEANSED* by the *BLOOD* of Jesus, as is the case with *ALL* of the believer's *REGENERATE ACTS* as well, for *NO* prayer, and *NO* act, even by the *TRULY REGENERATE*, indeed, *NO* prayer, and *NO* act, is *WHOLLY* without sin, one of *MANY* little *FACTS* that the unregenerate proud and presumptuous are comatosely unacquainted with.

Indeed, even in his *HOLIEST* moments, the *TRULY REGENERATED* believer is *ACUTELY AWARE* of *INDWELLING SIN*, for the *LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT* -- and that *LIGHT* is nothing less than a *PRISTINE REFLECTION* of the *GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST* [[Revelation 21:23](#), [John 8:12](#), [Genesis 1:3](#)] --

mark it, this *LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT*, which *SHINES* in the *REGENERATED* spirit of the *TRULY REGENERATED* believer, is a *LIGHT* which *EXPRESSLY ILLUMINATES* the *INDWELLING SIN* of the *TRULY REGENERATE*, even in his *HOLIEST* moments -- which is one of *MANY* reasons, by the way, that *NO GENUINELY BORN AGAIN* believer could *EVER* assert the deity of man, due to man's *INDWELLING SIN*, even in the *TRULY REGENERATE* -- yes indeed, the *LIGHT* of the Holy Spirit *EXPRESSLY ILLUMINATES* the *INDWELLING SIN* of the *TRULY REGENERATE*, even in his *HOLIEST* moments -- and the *HOLIER* the *TRULY REGENERATED* believer is, the *GREATER* is this the case, as *ALL* who are *MATURE* in Jesus Christ know -- and therefore *ONLY* the *TRULY REGENERATE* can *TRULY VALUE* the *BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS* of Jesus Christ, which has been *APPLIED* to the *TRULY REGENERATED* believer -- and *APPLIED* to him *ONLY* -- *SUPERNATURALLY* through the *WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWING OF THE HOLY GHOST*, a *TRUTH* which, as I said, the unregenerate proud and presumptuous remain blithely ignorant of.

"Now if any man have **NOT** the Spirit of Christ, **HE IS NONE OF HIS.**" *Romans 8:9*

"INDWELLING SIN ALWAYS ABIDES whilst we are in this world; therefore **IT IS ALWAYS TO BE MORTIFIED.** The vain, foolish, and ignorant disputes of men about perfect keeping the commands of God, of perfection in this life, of being wholly and perfectly dead to sin, I meddle not now with. It is more than probable that the men of those abominations **NEVER KNEW** what belonged to the keeping of any **ONE** of God's commands, and are so much below **PERFECTION OF DEGREES**, that they never attained to a **PERFECTION OF PARTS** in obedience or universal obedience in sincerity."
John Owen, Of The Mortification Of Sin

Do you remember that I told you at the beginning that being *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit means being *ENDUED* with the *UNCTION*, or *POWER*, of a *PERSON*, even the *VERY PERSON* of *ALMIGHTY GOD HIMSELF*? Well then, know also that the *CONDESCENSION* by the Holy Spirit in this matter is therefore *BEYOND ASTONISHING*, and *BEYOND* any other words that language could ever *POSSIBLY* convey. The notion that *INFINITE PURITY*, and *INFINITE HOLINESS*, and *INFINITE GLORY*, and *INFINITE RIGHTEOUSNESS*, ad *INFINITUM*, can come and *DWELL* within *SINFUL MAN*, even *REGENERATE MAN*, indeed, such a notion is, as I said, *BEYOND ASTONISHING*, and *BEYOND* any other words that language *COULD EVER POSSIBLY CONVEY*. To attempt a perspective, note that the *HOLY ANGELS* are *SO FAR ABOVE MAN* in *PURITY*, *HOLINESS*, *GLORY*, *RIGHTEOUSNESS*, and so on, that *ANY KIND* of comparison would be *PATENTLY ACADEMIC*, and yet, even the *HOLY ANGELS* are not clean in God's sight [[Job 4:18](#), [Job 15:15](#)]. In spite of this, *ALMIGHTY GOD HIMSELF*, even the Holy Spirit, in *SPITE* of this, *ALMIGHTY GOD HIMSELF* in the *PERSON* of the Holy Spirit *STILL CONDESCENDS* to *DWELL* within *REGENERATE MAN*, who, though *REGENERATE*, is nonetheless polluted by sin while still in his flesh by virtue of his *OLD MAN*, which, like Amalek, will hound him until the day he dies, or until the day the Lord Jesus returns and gathers him up, whichever occurs first. Either way, words cannot *NOW*, nor will they *EVER* be able to fully translate the *CONDESCENSION* of the Holy Spirit in this matter. But fear not, for there is a *PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE* but *INCOMPARABLY GLORIOUS REASON* that this is possible...

Bluntly put, this *CONDESCENSION* by the Holy Spirit is *POSSIBLE* for *ONE REASON*, and *ONE REASON ONLY*, namely, because Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, *FIRST CONDESCENDED* to take upon *HIMSELF* the *SIN* -- singular -- *OF THE WORLD*, which *PARTICULARLY* refers to the *SIN OF*

ADAM as the *FEDERAL HEAD* of all mankind, and from thence the Lamb of God *SIMULTANEOUSLY CONDESCENDED* to take upon *HIMSELF* the *PARTICULAR SINS* -- plural -- of *ALL* of God's *ELECT*, and *ONLY* God's *ELECT*, for Jesus Christ is not only *PERFECT* in his *BEING*, but he is likewise *PERFECT* in his *DEEDS*, *INCLUDING* the salvation of "*HIS PEOPLE*", and *ONLY* "*HIS PEOPLE*", to wit, those -- and those *ONLY* -- who had been *GIVEN TO HIM BY THE FATHER, AND NO ONE ELSE*, so that *NOT ONE* will be lost, except the *SON OF PERDITION*, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, [[Matthew 1:21](#), [John 6:39](#), [John 17:9-12](#)], and he who teaches otherwise is himself untaught of the Holy Spirit on this doctrine, which means he is either unregenerate or very much a babe in the Lord, and therefore -- no matter *WHICH* one he is -- he has *NO* business teaching the Word. None at all. And he will surely smart for it on the day of judgment unless he repents of it before he gets there, especially if he is *UNREGENERATE*. [[James 3:1](#)]. Wait and see. [[John 1:29](#), [Romans 5:12](#), [Galatians 1:3-4](#), [Hebrews 1:3](#)].

"Now if any man have **NOT** the Spirit of Christ, **HE IS NONE OF HIS.**" *Romans 8:9*

"Those who think **POORLY** of God and **WELL OF THEMSELVES** may chatter idly of "*the deity within*," **BUT THE MAN WHO TREMBLES BEFORE THE HIGH AND LOFTY ONE THAT INHABITETH ETERNITY WHOSE NAME IS HOLY, THE MAN WHO KNOWS THE DEPTH OF HIS OWN SIN, WILL DETECT A MORAL INCONGRUITY IN THE TEACHING THAT ONE SO HOLY SHOULD DWELL IN THE SPIRIT OF ONE SO VILE.**" A. W. Tozer, *The Divine Indwelling*

And this brings us to the very heart of the matter, for it is *PRECISELY* on this point of the *CONDESCENSION* of **BOTH** Jesus Christ *AND* the Holy Spirit that the *REDEMPTIVE WHEEL TURNS*, for not surprisingly, this *CONDESCENSION* of **BOTH** Jesus Christ *AND* the Holy Spirit has been *GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATED* in virtually every generation by those who profess to be disciples of Jesus Christ, *ESPECIALLY* in *VISIBLE CHURCH LEADERSHIP* -- and I emphasize "*VISIBLE*", for *GENUINE* evangelists, pastors, and teachers in the *CHURCH MILITANT*, or the *INVISIBLE CHURCH*, who have *THEMSELVES* been *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit, have in all generations *UNDERScoreD* what *I AM UNDERScoreING NOW*, in this very treatise -- indeed, this *CONDESCENSION* of **BOTH** Jesus Christ *AND* the Holy Spirit has been *GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATED* by the *MASSES* of those who *PROFESS* themselves teachers, and this *GROSS UNDERESTIMATION* has accordingly *FILLED* the *VISIBLE CHURCH* with *TEMPESTUOUS CONFUSION* roundabout, and consequently has brought about the same degree of *CONFUSION* collaterally in the world at large, for the world at large unfortunately gets its notions about Christianity from the *UNREGENERATE PROFESSING MEMBERS* of the *VISIBLE CHURCH*, not the *SMALL REMNANT* of *TRULY REGENERATE* Christians.

Nor is the reason for this *CONFUSION* hard to see, not for the man of *TRUE DISCERNMENT*, for at the end of the day this *GROSS UNDERESTIMATION* can *ALL* be boiled down *ELEMENTALLY* to *ONE* word -- **POWER** --

"For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in **POWER.**" *1 Corinthians 4:20*

You see, those *UNREGENERATE* souls who are *IGNORANT* of the *MAGNITUDE* of what Jesus Christ actually *WON* on his *CROSS* and in his *RESURRECTION*, indeed, these *UNREGENERATE*

souls *IN REALITY FAIL* to place *ANY AUTHENTIC VALUE* on the *INDWELLING* of the Holy Spirit and his *MANIFEST POWER*, for they *CONTINUALLY DEVALUE* both the *VICTORY* that Jesus *WON* and the *REWARD* that Jesus *SECURED* in this matter of *REDEMPTION*, and they do this by *DENYING THE MANIFEST POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF* being *PROJECTED* through *ALL* he *TRULY REGENERATES*. Oh, they give *LIP SERVICE* to the doctrine, but *IN REALITY* they *UTTERLY DENY IT*, as Whitefield recognized in his day --

"Indeed, I will not say that all our letter-learned preachers **DENY** this doctrine **IN EXPRESS WORDS**; but however, **THEY DO IN EFFECT**; for they talk professedly **AGAINST INWARD FEELINGS**, and say, we may have God's Spirit **WITHOUT FEELING IT, WHICH IS IN REALITY TO DENY THE THING ITSELF.**" *George Whitefield, The Indwelling Of The Spirit*

By perpetrating *EXTRAVAGANT ABUSES* throughout different sects of professing Christianity concerning the *DOCTRINE* of the Holy Spirit, put forth by *UNREGENERATE AND SENSUAL SOULS* on *ONE* side, and by *UNREGENERATE AND LEGALISTIC SOULS* on the *OTHER*, Satan has managed to almost *COMPLETELY NEUTRALIZE* the *TRUTH* of the *DOCTRINE* of the *BAPTISM AND FILLING* of the Holy Spirit altogether. And no wonder, for there is *NOTHING* that Satan fears *MORE* in this world than this *TRUTH* of being *GENUINELY BAPTIZED IN AND FILLED* with the Holy Spirit. Nothing *WHATSOEVER*, for not even Satan *HIMSELF* can stand before a *GENUINELY SPIRIT-FILLED* Christian. Indeed, Satan *FEARS* the *BAPTISM AND FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT* so *MIGHTILY* that he will stop at *NOTHING* to keep it from becoming *MANIFEST*, including doing *EVERYTHING* he *POSSIBLY CAN* to *PREVENT* the *UNREGENERATE SOUL* from *HUMBLING HIMSELF* to such a degree as to be *ABLE* to be *GENUINELY BORN OF THE SPIRIT* in the first place, or, having been *BORN OF THE SPIRIT*, Satan will then do *EVERYTHING* he *POSSIBLY CAN* to keep the *TRULY REGENERATE* Christian from being *GENUINELY FILLED* with the Holy Spirit in the second, for as I said, there is *NOTHING ON THIS EARTH* that Satan fears *MORE* than a *GENUINELY SPIRIT-FILLED* Christian. *NOTHING.*

I will take up the next portion of this topic in **Part II**, wherein the *MANIFEST POWER* of the Holy Spirit and the *MANIFEST PROJECTION* of that *POWER* through the *TRULY REGENERATE* Christian will be demonstrated and examined in detail. In the meantime...

Hear me well -- if you cannot *HONESTLY* and *LEGITIMATELY* claim the *EXPERIENCE* of being *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit, as demonstrated in the quotations above, then *NEITHER* can you claim the blood of Jesus, *NOR* can you claim the forgiveness of sins, for you are *NOT* born again, and unless that changes, you will *NOT* set *FOOT* in the kingdom of Jesus Christ. And you are as deluded as deluded can be if you think otherwise, nor have you *HEARD* a word that has been written.

If that's the case, if you've heard nothing else so far, then hear this -- *YOU* may have made a commitment to Jesus Christ, but unless you have *EVIDENCE* -- *SUPERNATURAL EVIDENCE* -- unless you have *SUPERNATURAL EVIDENCE* that Jesus Christ has made a commitment to *YOU*, by *FILLING* you with his Spirit, indeed, unless you have *SUPERNATURAL EVIDENCE* that Jesus Christ has made a commitment to *YOU* by *FILLING* you with his Spirit, *EXACTLY* as described in the

quotations noted earlier, then you will *NEVER* enter the kingdom of heaven, for if Jesus Christ has not borne witness to you here by *FILLING* you with his Spirit, neither will he bear witness to you there, when you stand before him at his judgment seat.

"In that great and terrible day, there will be those **WHITE WITH SHOCK** when they find that they have depended upon a mental assent to Christianity instead of upon **THE MIRACLE OF THE NEW BIRTH.**" *A. W. Tozer, The Tozer Pulpit, Vol 1*

Consequently, I challenge every one of you, every one of you reading this right now, to *SERIOUSLY EXAMINE YOURSELF*, and be *BRUTALLY HONEST* with *YOURSELF*, for you can *NEVER* be *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit until you are *BORN* of the Holy Spirit in a *MANIFEST SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE -- MANIFEST -- MANIFEST -- MANIFEST SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE* -- and you will *NEVER* be *BORN* of the Holy Spirit unless you are *BRUTALLY HONEST* about your condition [[2 Corinthians 13:5](#)]. Accordingly, I warn you again, if you cannot *HONESTLY* and *LEGITIMATELY* claim the *EXPERIENCE* of being *FILLED* with the Holy Spirit, *EXACTLY* as demonstrated in the quotations above, a *FILLING* which occurs *IMMEDIATELY UPON* the *MOMENT* of *REGENERATION*, then do something about it *NOW*, while you still can -- I say, **DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT NOW, WHILE YOU STILL CAN** -- for if you *INSIST* on *DECEIVING YOURSELF*, God not only will *NOT STOP YOU*, but God will actually *ENHANCE YOUR ABILITY* to **FURTHER DECEIVE YOURSELF**, and God will do this by imposing *JUDICIAL BLINDNESS* upon you, for God *HATES LIES*, and there is *NO LIE* that God *HATES WORSE* than the *SELF-DECEIVING LIE*, for the *SELF-DECEIVING LIE* is **ROOTED IN PRIDE**, and that is the very *NATURE* of wickedness and iniquity [[2 Thessalonians 2:11](#), [John 8:44](#), [Matthew 11:25-26](#)].

Have you ever *FELT*, have you ever *EXPERIENCED*, the **MANIFEST POWER** of the Holy Spirit *SUPERNATURALLY INDWELLING YOU*? If not, then never think of going to heaven, for you are not yet meet for heaven. And yet...

I tell you -- and I call Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to record against that day I stand before the Lord Jesus at his judgment seat -- indeed, I tell you that Jesus Christ can be *KNOWN*, and *KNOWN* more *INTIMATELY* than *ANY* other person in existence. Jesus Christ is not only the source of all life, he is likewise the sustainer and dispenser of all life, and he is therefore capable of making **HIMSELF MANIFEST** to his *ELECT* more certainly than any created being can make himself known to you, exactly as he has promised in [[John 14:21-23](#)], and numerous other passages.

If you will not prize your soul above *ALL ELSE*, you will *NEVER* be granted a *SAVING* audience with Jesus Christ. Blind Bartimaeus, as recorded in the gospels, would be saved at all costs. Will you be saved at all costs? If you will not be saved at all costs, you will not be saved by Jesus Christ at all.

Would you be born again? **GENUINELY** born again?

Then take wise counsel -- pick up a Bible based on the Traditional Text -- in English, the **ONLY VALID** Bible based on the Traditional Text is the King James Bible -- and then read with

SOLEMNITY, beginning in the Gospels preferably, and beg Jesus Christ to reveal himself to you, and give him no rest until he does, for if you read the **TRUE** written Word of God, you will find the Lord of Glory, even Jesus Christ, moving upon the face of the waters in its pages, just as he moved upon the face of the waters when he walked across the Sea of Galilee, and if you follow the advice just given, and if you persist, Jesus Christ **HIMSELF** will verily **MANIFEST HIMSELF** to you (for he **HIMSELF** promises to do this for those who truly heed this advice), just as he **MANIFESTED HIMSELF** to his disciples when he moved upon the face of the waters as he walked across the stormy sea some two thousand years ago, and just as he did with **ME** not too many years ago, and just as he has done with a **FEW** others from day to day since that time, in this very generation, and just as he will do for **YOU** if -- **IF** -- you heed my advice, and if -- **IF** -- you persist therein, for he who promised is **FAITHFUL**. [John 14:21-23](#), [Matthew 14:25-27](#)

"Never leave off watching, reading, praying, striving, till you **EXPERIMENTALLY** find Christ Jesus formed within you... Be frequent in self-examination morning and evening. Pray earnestly from your heart. **WRESTLE WITH GOD, BEG HIM TO HASTEN THE NEW BIRTH.**" *George Whitefield, Letters, XI*

"He that thirsteth aright, **NOTHING BUT GOD CAN QUENCH HIS THIRST**... Cry to God to reveal Jesus Christ unto you; there is none teacheth like him." *John Bunyan, The Water Of Life & Grace Abounding To The Chief Of Sinners*

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