

Take for Granted

“to fail to properly notice or appreciate”

What are some incredibly valuable things that we can fail to appreciate?

The gift of the Holy Spirit

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**From a Trickle
to a Flood**
Joel 2:28-32
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The Holy Spirit

A person: "He" not "It"

Fully God, along with the Father and Son

All powerful, all knowing, holy, love, just, ...

To be filled with the Spirit of God

is to be filled with

the power, wisdom, and glory of Almighty God

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The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Intensity

Mystery

Power

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The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

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Power

“His breath [Spirit] is like a **rushing torrent**,
 rising up to the neck.
 He shakes the nations in the **sieve** of destruction;
 he places in the jaws of the peoples
 a bit that leads them astray.”

Isaiah 30:28

rushing torrent = fast, overflowing river
 sieve = harvesting and separating tool

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The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

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“When [Saul] and his servant arrived at Gibeah,
 a procession of prophets met him; the **Spirit of
 God came powerfully upon him**, and he joined
 in their prophesying.”

1 Samuel 10:10

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“The Spirit of the Lord began to stir Samson”
1 Judges 13:25

Then he had incredible physical strength

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The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

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The Spirit's presence and power were easily lost

➤ Samson, Saul

The Spirit was on very few people

➤ Mainly on men in leadership roles

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The Prophet Joel

Judgment and physical destruction were coming

“Rend [tear] your heart
and not your garments.

Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.” 2:13

And God will be gracious and bring physical relief
“Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the Lord your God” 2:27

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Joel 2:28-29

²⁸ “And afterward,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants,

both men and women

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Astounding abundance on all categories of people

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Joel 2:30-31

³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of
the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

Connected with war and judgment
Metaphorical, and perhaps physical
Seemingly still some future elements

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Joel 2:32

³² And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved;
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there will be deliverance,
as the Lord has said,
even among the survivors
whom the Lord calls.

Human side and God's side ... together
Escape from judgment, and entry to love

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Big Idea

Through Jesus the Almighty Holy Spirit
is poured out on all who call Him

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Grass should get 1" of water each week

1/4 acre yard:
6,750 gallons

That's a lot of watering!!



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A single 1" storm
over Ingham County:
9.6 billion gallons!

California: a humanly
unsolvable drought

A "river of storms"
overwhelms them
with water!



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In the Old Covenant, the Spirit was powerful,
but very few experienced Him



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In the New Covenant,
the Spirit is
poured out
abundantly!



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Through Jesus the Almighty Holy Spirit
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What the Spirit Brings

Automatically for every believer

- Salvation, and He lives in every believer

Different gifts for each person as Jesus chooses

- **Words:** preaching, teaching, evangelism, discernment, insights, encouragement, ...
- **Serving:** giving, mercy, helping, miracles, administration, generosity, faith, ...

Commands for every believer

- **Be filled** by the Spirit
- Walk in step with the Spirit

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And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit** **addressing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing and making melody to the Lord** with your heart, **giving thanks always and for everything to God** the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **submitting to one another** out of reverence for Christ. (English Standard Version)

debauchery = unrestrained,
immoral, unwise living

Ephesians 5:18-22

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Giving thanks...

always giving thanks to God the Father
for everything

New International Version

giving thanks **always and for everything**

English Standard Version

giving thanks **always for everything** to God

Christian Standard Bible

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The Spirit and the Christian

Each Christian has all of the Spirit

The command to be filled by the Spirit
enables **the Spirit to have all of the believer**

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It is possible for genuine Christians to have this experience of the Holy Spirit



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We are commanded to be **filled by the Spirit**

- Speaking praise-filled truth **to each other**
- Praising **God** with joy
- Always giving **God** thanks for everything
- Submitting **to each other** in honor of Christ



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Be Filled by the Spirit

Pray: "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven **give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**" *Luke 11:13*

Live by & like the Spirit: "Since we live by the Spirit, let us **keep in step with the Spirit.**" *Galatians 5:25*

Not in step with brokenness *Galatians 5:16-17*

Confess and be forgiven when we stumble

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FIND & FOLLOW


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Being a Disciple of Jesus = student, learner, follower

Essential for being the Church

Born again from God

Becoming like Jesus

Doing the works of Jesus

by the Spirit of God

Together with God's people

- Speaking praise-filled truth

- Praising God with joy

- Always giving thanks to God for everything

- Submitting to each other for Christ

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Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, **rivers of living water will flow from within them.**" By this he meant **the Spirit**, whom those who believed in him were later to receive."

John 7:37-39



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