

“Doing God’s Work – God’s Way”  
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*(Acts 10:38 NIV) “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.”*

*(Luke 3:21-22 NIV) “When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.””*

**1. Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit – imitate Him**

*(Luke 4:1 NIV) “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,”*

**2. Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit – imitate Him**

**Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. (literally keep on being filled)**

**BE FILLED = be controlled by or come under the influence of the Holy Spirit**

- A wholehearted love for Jesus
- Childlike dependency on the Holy Spirit
- Fervent worship and praise
- Bold powerful witness
- Unquenchable desire to know God and His Word
- Joyful, thankful lifestyle
- Submitted to God and man
- Sensitive to the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Love in action, at home, work, and play

*(Luke 4:1-2 NIV) “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.”*

**3. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit – imitate Him**

*(Romans 8:14 NIV) “because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”*

*(Luke 4:14 NIV) “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.”*

**4. Jesus ministered in the power of the Spirit – imitate Him**

*(Luke 4:31-32 NIV) “Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.”*

*(Luke 4:40-41 NIV) “When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.”*

- **The Spirit filled life is essential and not an option for every Christ follower**

**John 14:12 (NLT) “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.**

*(Luke 24:49 NKJV) “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”*

- **The Power of God is not the ability of man**

*(Acts 1:4-5 NIV) “On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

*(Acts 1:8 NIV) “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

*(Acts 2:4 NIV) “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”*

**The Bible clearly commands every Christ follower to “be filled with the Spirit”**

- 1. Desire the gift**

*(John 7:37 NIV) “On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.”*

*(Matthew 5:6 NIV) “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*

- 2. Ask for the gift**

*(Luke 11:13 NIV) “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!”*

- 3. Receive the gift by faith**

*(Mark 11:24 NIV) “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*

*All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation. NKJV = New King James Version.*