

## **“BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT”**

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- There is an initial infilling, scripturally identified as being baptized in the Holy Spirit
- There is also a continual being filled with the Holy Spirit
- Continual infilling is characterized by the following;
  - Being filled with the supernatural love of God (Ro. 5:5).
  - Being a conduit for God’s power to set people free (Is. 61:1; Lk. 4:14; 24:49; Ac. 1:8; 10:38).
  - Increasing godly character (Gal. 5:22-23).
  - A strong desire to share the Good News with others (Ac. 1:8; 4:31).

### HOW TO BE CONTINUALLY FILLED:

- You must be hungry & thirsty! (Jn. 6:35; 7:37-39)
  - You must desperately want God’s life more than your own.
    - It can be difficult to face your spiritual emptiness.
  - “Our best havings are wantings (C. S. Lewis).
  - *“And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you” (Lk. 11:9).*
- Cultivate a heart of praise, worship and thanksgiving (Eph. 5:16-20).
- Never stop praying (Eph. 6:18; 1Thess. 5:17).

### LIMITING FACTORS:

- Filling ourselves with other “stuff” (1Jn. 2:15-17).
  - “the pleasures of this life” and “the desire for other things” (Mk. 4:19; Lk. 8:14).
- Being “too busy”. Someday I will .....
- Unforgiveness and disobedience (Eph. 4:30-32).
- Apathy (Rev. 3:14-19).

- Fear of losing control.
- Blaming & Complaining.

### LIFE AWAITS YOU!

- The Holy Spirit is waiting for your daily invitation.
  - He wants to fill you with God's love.
  - He wants to teach you to praise God and worship Him.
  - He wants to teach you how to pray continually.
- You must decide what you will fill your soul with.
  - How will you satisfy your hunger and thirst?