



The Holy Spirit For All

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.” (Joel 2:28-29).

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“Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not

The prophecy of Joel, which first found fulfilment on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) makes it clear that God's plan and purpose regarding the Holy Spirit is that it is for **“all flesh”**.

When Peter was explaining to the surprised crowd at Pentecost, he reminded them that **“... the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call”** (Acts 2:39. See also verses 14-21).

A common misconception among believers at one extreme is to equate the “measure” of the Spirit (2 Corinthian 1:22; Ephesians 4:30) given to all believers at Salvation to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. At the other extreme is the consideration that the Holy Spirit Baptism is only for eligible few super spiritual elites such as ministers, evangelists and pastors rather than for all believers.

The events in the early Church recorded in Acts 6, shortly after the Pentecost reveal that believers at that time knew that the Holy Spirit is for all believers and they actually participated in the experience. It is noteworthy that the qualifications for serving tables included **“full of the Holy Ghost”**.

God's requirement does not change with time. Today, the divine requirement to be **“full of the Holy Ghost”** is still God's standard for:

1. All Christians
2. Choir / worship team members
3. Workers
4. Leafleting
5. Officials and Trustees



reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. (Acts 6:2-4).

6. Ushers
7. All involved in any aspect of God's work, such as arranging books, taking / counting offerings, playing drum, keyboard, operating the laptop, projector, camcorder, etc.

Despising the gift of God can be disastrous. It is time for all to sincerely and seriously do self examination. Are you full of the Holy Ghost? If not, why not when God has already made the provision.

As it was at Pentecost, so it is today, that the route to Holy Ghost Baptism is through repentance and faith. **“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38).**

May today be a day that we will humbly and earnestly repent and seek the face of the Lord till we are all filled and re-filled with the Holy Spirit. The fullness and joy of Christian living / victory is only experienced is only experienced by those who are spiritually filled.