

WHAT IS THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

ACTS 4:23-31

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1. It is a _____ experience.

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2. It is for _____.

We only have to look at the word "they", which occurs three different times in Acts 4:31. This gracious infilling is for every Christian. None of us can live and serve God effectively without this.

3. It is not a _____ experience.

There must be, of course, an initial experience of the infilling, but it would be quite wrong to leave the matter at that. Also, we need fresh fillings of the Holy Spirit to fit us for every fresh piece of service that we undertake for the Lord.

4. It should be received by _____ alone, apart from feelings.

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The essential thing is that you ask God to fill you and leave Him to decide how the fullness of the Spirit will be seen in your life. Shortly after his conversion, the apostle Paul was filled with the Spirit. Paul, again, was filled with the Spirit according Acts 13:9. It is obvious that a person is filled with the Spirit when he is under control and is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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