

# PLENTY FOR ALL

**TEXT:** Psalm 23:5b You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Kids, come on down. Sometimes you can tell how much a person has by how much they are willing to share. Just like if I said to you, I have this wonderful spring water. You won't believe how good it is. It is so much better than any water you have ever tasted. It is better than Sprite. And then I said, "I want to share some with you." So I pour this tiny little bit in a glass. Now if I only pour just a sip, you might think that I have only a little bit of this precious water. Right?

But if I pour you a full glass, you would probably think that I have plenty. I am not being stingy with it. I am giving you all the glass will hold, so I must have plenty enough to share. Right?

But what if I offer you a glass and I pour it like this? (Pour glass full and running over.) If I did that, how much of this precious water would you think I have? Lots and lots, right? Sure, more than I can use, far more than I could drink. I can give it so generously as to even be wasteful because I have so much.

Now, when David said, "You anoint my head with oil" do you remember that he was talking about the Holy Spirit coming upon and into his life. Then he said, "My cup runs over!" He is saying, the Holy Spirit keeps filling me up and up and up and overflows me. He is so great, so grand, so rich, so full, I cannot get all of Him into my little life because He is plentiful and measureless.

That's the way the Holy Spirit can be to us also. And the more He fills us, the greater our hope. I am going to tell you today about some other ways the Spirit of God brings hope into our lives.

**INTRODUCTION:** We saw two weeks ago that David drew great hope from the presence of the Holy Spirit in his life. That is why he sang about the Lord's anointing. I began to tell you how the Holy Spirit can bring hope into your life, first by leading you to Christ and then by filling you, by empowering and controlling you.

Today I want to more completely share about what the Holy Spirit does in the lives of those who have trusted in Christ, so that you, like David, can be filled with the hope caused by His presence and work in you, even to the point of overflowing.

Let me take you now to a verse given us through the Apostle Paul about this very thing:

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

While a person is still lost in his sins, the Holy Spirit works in and around the life of that individual to draw them to Christ. But once a person receives the witness of the Spirit and responds in faith to Christ, the Holy Spirit moves into the new believer's life and immediately begins a great work.

## I. THE MOMENT YOU ARE SAVED...

### A. You receive the gift of the Spirit...

(The Holy Spirit is Himself the gift.)

**Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

1. The Holy Spirit comes into the life of the believer at the moment of salvation.
2. He takes up permanent residence.
3. This is called the indwelling of the Spirit because now the Holy Spirit dwells inside the life of the believer. The fact that the Holy Spirit lives inside each one who believes is what makes it possible to declare that the body of the believer is the temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 6:19 above)

**...giving you hope that you are part of God's family!**

### B. You received the baptism of the Spirit... **1 Corinthians 12:13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

1. The Greek word for baptism means immersion, putting something completely into. Therefore, the baptism of the Spirit means that the Spirit is putting the believer into something. Into what is the believer placed? He is placed into the body of Christ – the church!
2. **The baptism of the Spirit is the supernatural act of the Spirit immersing the believer into the church, the body of Christ.**
3. It happens the moment a person is saved.
4. It is not a "second blessing" or second step of greater spirituality.

**...giving you hope that you are part of Christ's church!**

### C. You were sealed by the Spirit... **2 Corinthians 1:21-22** <sup>21</sup> Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, <sup>22</sup> who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

When something is sealed, they are covered by a protective covering so that they cannot get out or something cannot get in to harm them. The Holy Spirit covers the believer and keeps the believer in Christ. He also protects the believer from outside agents that would seek to get to the believer to do him harm.

**...giving you hope that you are secure in your salvation!**

**D. You were given one or more gifts by the Spirit...** 1 Corinthians 12:7-11  
<sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of *all*: <sup>8</sup> for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

1. **The Holy Spirit gives every believer at least one spiritual gift.** My observation of believers described in the NT and believers I know today is that most believers have more than one spiritual gift. However, every believer has been given a minimum of one. There is no such thing as a born again believer who does not have a spiritual gift.
2. **He gives each gift to edify the whole body, not for the edification of the believer.** This point is often missed by people teaching about spiritual gifts. They often speak of the benefit of exercising the gifts for the individual believer. Gifts are not given to benefit the individual. They are given to benefit the body, the church. When a person uses their spiritual gift for personal benefit, they are misusing the gift.
3. **The Holy Spirit selects the gifts to be given.** Believers do not select the gifts that they want. The Holy Spirit chooses the gifts that He knows the body of Christ, and the local body where the believer serves, needs.

**...giving you hope that you matter to the work of the Kingdom!**

## II. DAILY

**A. The Holy Spirit continues to indwell you as a believer reminding you**

1. That you are in God's family
2. That you are part of Christ's church
3. That He keeps you secure for eternity
4. That you matter to the Kingdom

**B. The Holy Spirit fills (empowers and controls) us as believers...**

**...giving us hope that we are doing what God wants us to do.**

**C. The Holy Spirit prays for us and with us...** Romans 8:26-27 <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

1. He leads us in prayer.
2. He brings needs to our attention for prayer.

**3. He intercedes for us even when we do not understand how to pray.**

...giving us hope that our prayers make a difference.

**D. The Holy Spirit makes us more and more like Jesus...**

...giving us hope that we can be changed, even in our greatest area of weakness.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives is a source of powerful and continual hope. But we do need to be aware that we can resist the work of the Holy Spirit in us and around us. When we resist the Spirit, we dampen our own hopes. Let me offer these words of warning.

### III. WAYS WE RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT

**A. Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.** Matthew 12:31 *“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.”*

The Spirit gives witness that Christ is the Savior. When someone refuses the final witness of the Spirit concerning Christ, he has called the Spirit a liar and blasphemed Him. He has in so doing forever rejected the Savior and is therefore eternally lost.

A believer cannot commit blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, but he can resist the Spirit in other ways.

**If a person blasphemes the Spirit by rejecting Christ he loses all hope of salvation.**

**B. Spurning the Holy Spirit.** Hebrews 3:7-8 <sup>7</sup> *Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will hear His voice, <sup>8</sup> Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,* Any time the Holy Spirit urges an action upon a person and is met with refusal, the Holy Spirit has been spurned.

**C. Grieving of the Spirit is caused by sin in the life of the believer.** Ephesians 4:30-32 <sup>30</sup> *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.* While any sin in our lives grieves the Spirit of God, notice that the sins listed in this passage as causing grief to the Spirit are the sins of the heart that pertain to ill will and unforgiveness, especially toward fellow believers.

**1. Quenching the Spirit means putting the fire out where the Spirit is working.** 1 Thessalonians 5:19 *Do not quench the Spirit.*

- a. continual criticism
- b. complaining
- c. being uncooperative
- d. complacency

**If a person resists the Spirit by spurning Him, grieving Him, or quenching the Spirit,  
that person diminishes the hope  
of being made like Jesus,  
being effective in the work of the Kingdom,  
and bringing glory to the Father who made him or her.**

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Have you received the Spirit's witness concerning Christ and trusted Him?
2. Are you right now filled with the Spirit and daily renewing your commitment to be controlled by Him?
3. Are you using the spiritual gifts He has given you to build up the body of Christ and to do the work of the Kingdom?
4. Are you careful to follow His leading and not to resist Him as He guides and directs your life?