

How to be Filled with the Spirit

John 7: 37-39 *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

1. **Thirsting** (... **If any man thirst...**)

I believe the biggest reason we do not experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives today is because we no longer thirst for his presence.

Matthew 5:6 *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

If we will thirst we will be filled! We are not filled because we no longer thirst. We have feasted on the corruption of the world and no longer have a healthy appetite for the things of God.

2. **Coming** (...**let him come unto me...**)

Next, we have the group of Christians that thirst and hunger for the power of God on their lives but cannot bring themselves to COME. They see the need and feel the lack of power, but refuse to get on their knees at the old fashioned altar and beg God for His Spirit.

3. **Drinking** (...**and drink**)

Once we have thirsted and come, we must be willing to drink of what the Lord gives us. Too many have gotten to this point in their life and then when they saw what God had for them, left the altar unchanged. We must DRINK!

4. **Believing** (...**He that believeth on me...**)

Even if what the Lord requires of us defies our logic and understanding we must BELIEVE.

5. **Overflowing** (...**out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water...**)

It is then and only then that we can be OVERFLOWING with His presence, joy and Spirit!