

## **“Drenched with Life”**

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**PROP- (John 10:10) It is Jesus’ deepest desire to fill us with life—“more and better life than (you) ever dreamed of” [The Message]. He does this by “drenching us (baptizing us)” with the Holy Spirit.**

### **1. HE LONGS FOR “A RESTING PLACE”—where He can fully be Himself**

**SEE ISAIAH 66:1-2- Who does He “esteem” (favor with Himself)?**

**He who “trembles at My word”- *to hasten, respond w/o hindrance, indifference or delay (i.e., firefighters, soldiers, early responders)***

**‘I will destroy this manmade temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.’ (Mark 14:58) They misunderstood Him—which they often did—but Jesus was referring to a new covenant & a new dwelling place—in us!**

**SEE EPHESIANS 2:22 (NIV) “A temple in which God is quite at home” (The Message)**

### **2. THAT’S WHY JESUS WANTED THEM NOT ONLY TO “RECEIVE” THE HOLY SPIRIT—BUT TO BE “BAPTIZED WITH” THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**John 20:22- Jesus’ first order of business as He met with His disciples post-resurrection: “He breathed on them, and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”**

- **At that moment, the Holy Spirit took up residence “in” them**
- **Like a “pilot light”—His life sparked within them**
- **Every born-again believer has the Holy Spirit “in” them**
  - **“Born of the Spirit” (John 3:6)**
  - **He “testifies with our spirit that we are children of God” (Romans 8:16)**
- **BUT Jesus said: “There’s more” [SEE LUKE 24:49]**
  - **“Father’s promise” to “clothe you with power”**
  - **“Clothe”- *to sink down into; be engulfed by; arrayed with layers of royal garments***
  - **John the Baptist: “He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Mark 1:8)**
    - ***A cloth dyed—every fiber transformed***
    - ***A sunken ship—totally under the influence of the sea***
- **That’s why Jesus said: “I will give you REST” (Matthew 11:28)**
  - **Not inactivity...but interactivity**
  - **Be stilled, quieted**
  - **Be completely enveloped—permeated with**

### **3. HE DESIRES TO BE “UPON” US**

**Acts 8:14-17- Believers in Samaria**

**“In”- the pilot light was on**

**“Upon”- they became engulfed in the Holy Spirit’s “flame”**

**NOTE: Jesus is looking for a relationship where He can “completely envelope and permeate us.” A “temple” He can abide “IN” (intimacy with us; discover Him) and “UPON” (reflect Him, Lit.- “re-present” Him to the world around us).**

#### **RESPONSE**

**The Holy Spirit is being “poured out UPON all flesh”.**

**In the Book of Acts, people in various “heart postures” received His outpouring:**

- 1. Eager to be filled (Acts 2)**
- 2. Receptive (Acts 8:14-23) Believers in Samaria**
- 3. Resistant (Acts 9:1-18) Saul of Tarsus**
- 4. Uninformed (Acts 19:1-6) Ephesus: “We have not even heard there is a Holy Spirit” (v. 2)**
- 5. Unlikely (Acts 10:44-47) The Gentile household of Cornelius [NOTE: Mostly all early believers were religious Jews]**

Whatever the category you may find yourself in—the Holy Spirit is still being poured out (**Lit.- “without reserve”**) upon every life.