

**GOSPEL** of *Grace*  
FELLOWSHIP

***Being Filled by the Spirit***  
**For Some Christians or All  
Christians?**

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**The Issues**

**MLI:** 1 Cor. 12:13 is only about regeneration

1. This is why the Holy Spirit must be the agent
2. There is a future “filling” for those who ask
3. Many Christians are “lacking”

**Bible:** 1 Cor. 12:13 is about the unity of believers

1. Christ is the agent, the Holy Spirit is the means/sphere
2. There is no future “filling” since we already have the fullness of the Holy Spirit
3. No Christian is lacking

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**Major Points**

- Being filled by the Spirit is not an experience, but it is an ongoing submission by the believer to the doctrines and deeds commanded in Scripture.
- Being baptized by Christ into the Holy Spirit leads to our **gifts** (monergistic).
- Living filled by the Spirit leads to bearing good **fruit** (synergistic).
- All Christians are given the Holy Spirit and all Christians are to be continuously filled by the Holy Spirit.

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**Who Is the Baptizer Anyway?**

**“by one Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:13)**

**Agent** = by  
**Means** = by, with  
**Sphere** = in

1. Martyn Lloyd-Jones = the Spirit is the **agent**.
2. Dan Wallace = the Spirit is the **means**.
3. Gordon Fee = the Spirit is the **sphere**.

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**John 1:33**

I did not recognize Him, but He who sent **me to baptize in** water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is **the One who baptizes in** the Holy Spirit.’

1. “en” = most likely “in” – **sphere**
2. “en” = can also imply – **means**
3. “en” cannot imply - **agency**

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**Is the Holy Spirit Agent or Means?**

**1 Corinthians 12:13**

For **by one Spirit we were all baptized** into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**John the Baptist:** Jesus will baptize in the Holy Spirit

**John 14:26** Father will send Holy Spirit

**Acts 2:33** Jesus sent Holy Spirit

**1 Cor. 12:28** Father gives gifts

**Eph. 4:8-11** Jesus gives gifts

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**1 Corinthians 12:4-5**  
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

**1 Corinthians 12:28**  
And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

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**Ephesians 4:10-11**  
(...He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.) 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

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**John 6:44**  
No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

**1 Corinthians 12:3**  
Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.


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**Filled by the Spirit:  
Relational, not Spatial**


**Ephesians 5:18**  
And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit...

Literally = "be filled in Spirit"

**Dionysus**



**Yahweh**



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- ~ Vs. 19 Psalms, spiritual songs
- ~ Vss. 22-27 husbands and wives
- ~ Vss. 6:1-4 children obey your parents

**Colossians 3:16**  
Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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**Filled: To Be Dominated By**

- ~ Being "filled" with the Spirit means to be dominated in our minds with the doctrines and righteousness of Christ from His word.
- ~ The command to be filled in the present tense implies "ongoing action." This precludes a future momentous "experience."

**Luke 5:26** People "filled" with fear  
**Luke 6:11** Pharisees + Scribes "filled" with rage  
**Acts 5:3** Satan "filled" Ananias's heart to lie  
**Acts 5:17** High priest "filled" with jealousy  
**Acts 13:45** Disciples "filled" with joy + Holy Spirit

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**Filled by the Spirit**  
*Being filled "by the Spirit" means we confess Christ.*

**John 15:26**  
When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me.**

**Acts 4:8**  
Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people..."

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**Filled by the Spirit**  
*Being filled "by the Spirit" means we grow in knowledge of Christ.*

**Colossians 1:9**  
For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that **you may be filled with the knowledge of His will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...(Rom. 12:2)

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**One Christian Church, Not Two**

**John 7:39**  
But this He spoke of the Spirit, **whom those who believed in Him were to receive**; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**Romans 8:9**  
However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But **if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.**

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for through Him **we both** have our access in **one Spirit** to the Father.

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**Are Some Christians Lacking?**

- Second blessing:** Some Christians are lacking the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in their lives for ministry and holiness.
- One blessing:** All Christians are empowered by the Holy Spirit for holiness and service.

**1 Corinthians 1:7**  
so that **you are not lacking in any gift** awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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**Are Some Christians Lacking?**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**  
All Scripture is **inspired by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man of God may be adequate, **equipped for every good work.**

**2 Peter 1:21**  
for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved **by the Holy Spirit** spoke from God.

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