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Singing To Stay Full With The Holy Spirit #3  
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As review regarding the teaching on the Holy Spirit, who He is and what He does, we begin with the following scriptures, telling us who and what He does in our lives. A constant companion who we can call on at any time, if we are truly born again. He will be with us forever, does not come and go in our lives. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, The world cannot receive Him, because they don't know Him, however, we know Him and consequently He will lead and guide us. He will guide us into truth, He does not speak about Himself, but whatever God tells Him, will He say and He will show us things to come. The disciples knew about the Holy Spirit, but they only knew Him resting upon them, not dwelling in them. The Holy Spirit is a master teacher, bringing all things to our remembrance, everything that we have heard or read from the Word.

John 14:16-17, 26 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever— 17 The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know *and* recognize Him. But you know *and* recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you. 26 But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you." AMP

We are learning that there are an unlimited amount of scriptures telling us about the Holy Spirit and what He does for the believer, the different aspects of His ministry, the importance of the Holy Spirit in the church today, which is living the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit was very active in the book of Acts.

John 16:7,13 " 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." KJV

Jesus has been teaching his disciples in chapters 14,15,16,17 in the book of John, reassuring them that He would be sending the Holy Spirit to them, giving them power, preparing them for the future because they would be doing greater things than they had done in the past.

It is one thing to hear a truth and another to actually put it into practice. The Holy Spirit anoints us in our gifting, but He doesn't anoint us in our doing, we have to work those truths out.

Paul teaches in chapter 2 of Hebrews that we need to be cautious, taking heed and watching not to let what we have heard slip out.

Heb 2:1 "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." KJV

We know what it is like to have the pressure to perform, the world pulling at us, with our jobs and families, trying to keep us from the things of God. The example of a glass of water only half full, it leaves room for something else to finish filling it up. That it is way it is with the Holy Spirit in our lives. Believers can be born again, on the way to heaven, and have the Holy Spirit, but yet not be filled completely and when we are not filled, there is room for resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness, the influence of the world, an unrenewed mind and for other things to come in which we allow. They never fill the glass that is half empty, they only displace the water that is there. When we allow this to happen

to us, we begin to think like the world, we never think about God and His greatness.

Eph 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" KJV

Paul is talking about something that changes our behavior, the Holy Spirit will change our behavior, but there are things which the world uses to change behavior and that is not what we are wanting.

How do we stay filled with the Spirit? Part of the outward manifestation of staying full of the Holy Spirit is speaking to ourselves not necessarily to others, the following scriptures which tell us how when challenges come, to begin speaking or singing, making melody in our hearts, singing sorrows away. (Using Psalms 38, 95, 103 as examples)

Is it natural and easy to sing when there are troubles? That is the reason many people take wine in excess in their time of trouble to forget, makes it easier for them. Paul says to drown your troubles in the Holy Spirit, staying full in the Holy Spirit will keep other things from getting in. However, staying full of the Holy Spirit will also allow Gods purpose or plan to be fulfilled, the ability to have something to say to someone, allowing things to happen, having a word of exhortation, being ready to minister where it might be needed. God sees ahead, His plans for us haven't changed.

Eph 5:19 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." KJV

Col 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." KJV

Jesus has just instructed his disciples and the others, men and women, to go to Jerusalem and wait there until the promise was bestowed on them and they received power. The promise would give them supernatural ability to fulfill Gods plan for their lives.

Luke 24:49 "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." KJV

Acts 1:4-5,8 "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be \*baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." KJV

\* There are many baptisms spoken of in the scriptures, but there are 3 main ones, 1)water baptism; being immersed in water after accepting Jesus, as way of our testimony, old man is dead and we are new creatures, being resurrected to the same glory as Jesus. 2) Holy Spirit, 3) baptism into Christ, which is becoming born again.

These people who have been commanded to tarry at Jerusalem have seen the miracles and the power that Jesus displayed; this is the same **power** that they will be receiving. They were told to stay, not to go out to minister until they had the power. We don't have to tarry today waiting for power because of what Jesus did for us, we have received the Holy Ghost when we received Jesus and became born again. We don't have to tarry now. Tarry is not unbelief, it is a priority that we will stay as long as necessary until we receive and gain knowledge.

Acts 2:1-4,12,33 "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 12 And they were all

amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? 33Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." KJV

The story of the outpouring the Holy Spirit at the turn of the century around 1900, led by a minister named Charles Parham, tells of all the things that were done by those attending the meetings, they tarried for a long period of time, but then one by one began to receive and speak in tongues. This outpouring continued down through Texas and out to the West Coast, with many receiving the Holy Spirit, but after a period of time because of strife among some of the people, the ministry ended. Many miracles had been seen and many people had been healed, supernatural things.

On the day of Pentecost they were all waiting and they were ALL filled. Speaking in tongues will keep us filled. The Holy Spirit has so many different aspects and variations or operations in the believers life. The book of Acts is a 40 year history of the early church, the early church of which we are a part of today, it was birthed in the Holy Spirit. Reading the Old Testament we find that fire supernaturally came down from heaven, using no device to start the fire, fire would consume the sacrifice, the Jews didn't understand the fire they saw at Pentecost but they understood fire and that this was from God was pleasing to him. They knew that it was of God, didn't happen in full view but in a secluded place. The Holy Spirit was given to men and women who were strong and would stand up for right, their attitudes were right and they were willing to do what He asked of them. The crowd around questioned what they were seeing, thinking that maybe the people receiving were drunk on wine, but Peter stood and proclaimed that this was what had been spoken of by Joel.

Acts 8:5-8 "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. 6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city." KJV

What happened in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost was just the beginning of what God had planned for the believers. Peter and John went to Samaria and preached to them regarding the Holy Spirit that they might receive. These believers were born again, they had just know known about the Holy Spirit but had not received Him. When Peter and John laid hands on the believers they received.

Acts 8:16-18 "(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. 18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money," KJV

Simon, being a witch doctor, was seeing supernatural things happening and he was willing to pay to receive the Holy Spirit that was baptizing the believers in Samaria, but Peter and John told him that it wasn't for sale. The church today is sometimes afraid of the supernatural, but there is a supernatural around us and Simon worked in that area. God is greater than anything that the enemy can cause to happen, Simon may have had a wrong motive in wanting to receive the Holy Spirit, but he seeing what was happening was interested in that kind of power and that people would acknowledge him, showing him attention. Peter ministered to him and he received salvation. Motive was wrong, but God will judge us on our motives more quickly than our outer acts.

There are many examples in the New Testament of the full ministry of the Holy Spirit. Sing your sorrows away, your troubles can't stay, you must do it, even though it is something that we don't always want to do, but there is help in singing, much joy to be had. We never cease to be aware of God's mercy to us, sing a new song unto the Lord, for He loves you so, He will never leave you or forsake you, SING A NEW SONG!