

The Filling and Fullness of the Holy Spirit in Acts

Verb: pimplemi - To fill

- ▶ These passages from Acts emphasize the event rather than the state of fullness:
 - 2:4 - And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...
 - 4:8 - Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...
 - 4:31 - ...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
 - 9:17 - receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit...
 - 13:9 - Then Saul,..., filled with the Holy Spirit...
- ▶ No conditions were required for this filling. The Holy Spirit came upon the people sovereignly.

Adjective: pleres - Full of

- ▶ These passages emphasize the ministry of the Spirit:
 - 6:3 - ...seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom...
 - 6:5, 7:55 - ...Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit
 - 11:24 - For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit & of faith
- ▶ Verses are descriptive of one who is characterized by the quality of spirituality.

Verb: pleroo - To fill; to fill up

13:52 - And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The Differences between
Spirit Anointing and Spirit Baptism

Spirit Anointing	Spirit Baptism
Christ at His Baptism	Christ after His Ascension
The Apostles on Resurrection Day	The Apostles at Pentecost
Limited to Christ and the Apostles	For all the Partakers of The New Covenant
For Administrative Leadership	For Spiritual Blessings

Special Filling Contrasted with Normal Filling

Pimplemi

8 uses

Usually a verb

Usually aorist passive

Emphasizes an event

No Conditions

Sovereign bestowal

Unsought power

Recurring

Repeated for a task, not
because of sin

Enablement for a spiritual
task

Unusual

Pleroo

6 uses (including adj. &
verb forms)

Usually an adjective

Imperfect or present passive
in verb form

Emphasizes an attitude

Implied conditions

Preexisting disposition

Abiding spirituality

Progressively more apparent

Often indicates Christian
maturity

Multifaceted implications for
spirituality

Intended to be normal