“THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”
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When we trusted Jesus Christ as our Savior, that very moment, we were:

Indwelt by the Holy Spirit.................1 Cor. 3:16
Sealed by the Holy Spirit.................Eph. 1:13, 4:30
Baptized by the Holy Spirit.................1 Cor. 12:13

There are no commands in scripture to be indwelt, sealed, or baptized by the Holy Spirit, because they happen automatically when you were saved.

Facts about the Filling of the Holy Spirit
Being Filled with the Holy Spirit or Full of the Holy Spirit is found only 15 times in the New Testament. “Fullness of the Holy Spirit” is not found in the New Test.
It is found 14 out of 15 times in the writings of one human writer (not author), which is LUKE in the book of Luke and Acts.

LUKE gives the record of historical events:

1. There are……. no conditions to be met
2. There are …….. no feelings recorded.
3. There are……. no commands for us to do likewise.
4. There are……. no teaching about absolute sanctification
5. There are……. no commands to speak in tongues.

Luke 1:15 from birth, what did he do? Doesn’t mean to be sinless.
1:41 Jesus-Eliz. “Filled and said” Did fire shoot upward?
1:67 Zachariah- “Filled and said” Did he speak in tongues?
4:1 Christ was led by the Spirit. Did He grab his arm?

Acts 2:4 Spoke with languages. Were the 3000 commanded to?
4:8 They fell backwards? NO!
4:31 They spoke with boldness. That’s all.
6:3 Full of the Holy Ghost to serve tables.
6:5 Full of Faith And the Holy Ghost.
7:55 Being filled…He died
9:17-18 Received sight, and was baptized.
11:24 Full…and much people were added to the Lord.
13:9-11 Filled…blinded a man
13:52 They received bad news with good attitudes.

The only command to be filled with the Holy Spirit is Eph. 5:18

1. To be filled is a personal choice (on a moment by moment basis) to be under the influence, power, or control of the Word of God.
2. To be filled is an invitation to personal growth.
   We are learning to……. TRUST the Lord.
   We are learning to……. THIRST for God.
   We are learning to be……. THANKFUL to God.
   Husbands are to Love, Wives are to Submit, Children are to Obey.