We Need to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit For Revival Slide 3. Introduction

Unction/Anointing

Nowhere in the Bible does it say for believers to Seek the Holy Spirit

The World seeks physical resources and skills to get food, drink, and clothing among other things

Christians seek:

Edify the Church

Things that are above

The Lord Jesus Christ

To be filled with the Holy Spirit

Three Things Needed to Be Baptized in the Holy Spirit

Slide 4. Why Seek Something You Already Have?

[Mat 6:30-33 KJV] 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, [shall he] not much more [clothe] you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

"God lends without giving anything up. God gives you life but He is still the life He gives you so He loses nothing by giving it to you."

Unction/Anointing

<u>Slide 5.</u> "[In the New Testament] the emphasis is not upon happiness but upon holiness. God is more concerned with the state of people's hearts than with the state of their feelings." A.W. Tozer

<u>Slide 6.</u> The church that is man-managed instead of God-governed is doomed to failure. A ministry that is college-trained but not Spirit-filled works no miracles.... Things will get no better until we get back to the realized presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Only when we have moral application are we in the Bible method!

<u>Slide 7.</u> When one has all the resources, one can preach without unction. A combination of memory, knowledge, ambition, personality, plus well-line bookshelves, self-confidence, and a sense of having arrived provides a great ability to preach. <u>This is dead preaching. The word does not live unless the unction is upon the preacher.</u> Leonard Ravenhill

Why Revival Tarries published in 1959. Written by a powerful preacher from England born in 1907 and died in Lindale TX in 1994. His 81 year old son carries the torch after him from Lindale Texas. He was deeply burdened with much of what he saw in today's modern Church. He was most definitely "Pentecostal" -- but not in a modern or denominational sense of the word. He boldly preached repentance, yet mingled his words with undeniable love for God. He played an important personal role in the lives of many men of God, such as David Wilkerson, Keith Green, Dallas Holm, and countless others. David Wilkerson tells of how, at the height of Wilkerson's [i]The Cross and the Switchblade[/i] fame, Leonard Ravenhill still had the spiritual audacity to tell him, "Thou art the man!" He gave Brother Wilkerson the 1200+ page 17th century Puritan book, The Christian in Complete Armour, and told Brother Wilkerson to read it as soon as possible. The book, along with Brother Ravenhill's example, changed his life and ministry.

Slide 8. Don Stewart Says: "John Said All Believers Have Been Anointed with the Holy Spirit

The Apostle John told his readers that they all had been anointed with the Holy Spirit. He explained it in this way. (Don Stewart)

[1Jo 2:20, 27 KJV] 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. ... 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

The Anointing from God

If You are Saved, You have received the Holy Spirit

Paul Refers to the Anointing of the Holy Spirit

Slide 9. The only other reference in the New Testament to the anointing of the Spirit for the believer is found in the writings of the Apostle Paul. He wrote the following to the Corinthians.

[2Co 1:20-22 KJV] 20 For all the promises of God in him [are] yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, [is] God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

[2Co 1:21 NLT] 21 It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us,

Paul wrote that each believer had received the anointing of the Spirit.

Slide 10. You cannot be a Christian without the Holy Spirit.

[Rom 8:9 KJV] 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

[Rom 8:9 NLT] 9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

Slide 11. I Failed in my Walk with Christ Yesterday so I am not saved?

[Jhn 2:24 KJV] 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all [men],

[1Jo 1:9-10 KJV] 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Slide 12. A Special Anointing

Peter was Anointed to lead the Church

Paul was Anointed to bring the Gospel Message to the Gentiles

Saul and David were Anointed to be King of Israel

Not All Christians Anointed By God are immediately Baptized in the Holy Spirit

Slide 13. [Jhn 20:21-22 KJV] 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace [be] unto you: as [my] Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on [them], and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Slide 14. [Act 18:24-26 KJV] 24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, [and] mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto [them], and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

[Act 8:14-17 KJV] 14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (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.

Slide 15. [Act 19:1-3, 6-7 KJV] 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. ... 6 And when Paul had laid [his] hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve.

Paul was saved but The Lord used Ananias to Baptize him. [Act 9:17 KJV] 17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, <u>Brother Saul</u>, the Lord, [even] Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and **be filled** with the Holy Ghost.

Slide 16. When and How We Receive the Holy Spirit

Peter said that the Spirit of God would be received immediately upon belief in Jesus. Paul reminded the Galatians how they received the Spirit.

[Act 2:37-38 KJV] 37 Now when they heard [this], they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men [and] brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

[Gal 3:1-2 KJV] 1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Slide 17. There Is No Command in Scripture to Seek the Holy Spirit

In addition, there is no command in Scripture to seek for the <u>gift of the Holy Spirit</u>, or to pray so He can be received. If the Holy Spirit were given apart from salvation, we would expect the Bible to give the requirements of His reception. To the contrary we are commanded to be filled, or controlled, by the Holy Spirit. (Don Stewart. American Pentecostal preacher.)

Slide 18. We All Need to Be Baptized or Filled with the Holy Ghost

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

[Luk 24:49 KJV] 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.

[Eph 5:18 NLT] 18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,

Slide 19. The World Seeks Physical Things above Spiritual

Matt. 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:)

[Ecc 5:10 KJV] 10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this [is] also vanity.

Slide 20&21. Some Things Christians Need to Seek

Baptism in the Holy Ghost [Act 2:4 KJV] 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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

[1Co 14:12 KJV] 12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual [gifts], **seek that ye may** excel to the edifying of the church.

[Col 3:1 KJV] 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

[Heb 13:14 KJV] 14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

[Phl 3:9-10 KJV] 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 **That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;**

Slide 22. Don't you think That Crowd of 120 had Folks like us? Three Things Needed.

Obedience: [Luk 24:49 KJV] 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.

Faith: [Heb 11:6 KJV] 6 But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Choice: [Deu 30:19 KJV] 19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

[Luk 12:56-57 NLT] 56 You fools! You know how to interpret the weather signs of the earth and sky, but you don't know how to interpret the present times. 57 "Why can't you decide for yourselves what is right?

You Always Have a Choice. The More of the Holy Spirit you have the easier the Choice to Hold On to the End

Slide 23. [2Ti 1:6 KJV] 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

[2Ti 1:6 NLT] 6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

Be Baptized in the Holy Ghost or Filled with the Holy Ghost

Slide 24. [Act 2:4 KJV] 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.