

Wednesday Bible Study @ 6:45 pm
Conference call:
302-202-1110 /Code: 418875

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

- * Prayer Conference - Saturday, Sept 15th (8:30am-12:30pm) \$8.00 cost
- * Men of Purpose - Saturday, Sept 22nd (7am Prayer) & Fellowship
- * Community Baptism - Saturday, Sept 29th (4pm-6pm) at LeBauer Park
(Please see Pastor Ron Giddings if you would like to be baptized)

IMPORTANT:

Please send emails, announcements, and appointment requests to info.nmccenter@gmail.com
Please visit www.nmccenter.com for more information and to give online.
Have a blessed and prosperous week!

NOTES:

Please continue to pray over these issues:

- Ownership & transition into our building
- The Physical Health of NMCC members
- Marriages/Family/Legacy
- Environmental Conditions facing our kids in school

New Millennium Christian Center

Our Vision: A multi-faceted ministry that equips people of all races in pursuing, capturing and developing a mature personal relationship with Jesus the Christ.

Our Mission: To walk in the Spirit of God, so that others may know Him, to make disciples and to spread the gospel of Christ.



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“The Infilling of the Holy Spirit”

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“The Infilling of the Holy Spirit”

Commentary:

Scripture: "He who comes will baptize you with water and with fire" - Matthew 3:11

Historical Fact: The Infilling of the Holy Spirit is the **Prophetic Promise** for all believers who actively desire to be in the Presence of the Lord. It should be noted that the Disciples walked with the Lord Jesus for more than 3 years. They experienced the Word at work in good and horrific times before they received the Infilling. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a transformative process that has been analyzed by many scholars, theologians and the general public down through the centuries. The scholars are skeptics, the theologians are mechanical and believers simply ask “how is it possible or what am I supposed to do to receive the infilling?” The one answer that cannot fail; because it is the Word of God. Jesus said, “HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY BUT MY WORD WILL NEVER PASS AWAY.” God’s Word is surer than the very earth we walk upon and this must be realized before we go any further. God’s Word is the final authority, the infallible truth, for God cannot lie. Believing this is the secret to receiving anything from God.

Teaching:

The Holy Spirit is a gift just as salvation is a gift. It is received the same way, BY FAITH. Not by works or good deeds or sacrifice, but because it is a gift. We cannot earn the Holy Spirit, but we must accept His infilling by faith. **Read Luke 11:13**

Result: *When we plead and beg God to fill us we show lack of faith in God’s Word, that He will give us the Holy Spirit of promise.*
Read John 14:14

Ask In Faith: James 1:6-7, 1 John 3:21-22

Important Key: Many have failed to receive because **they have sought the evidence or tongues, rather than the Holy Spirit Himself.** We must ask for the Holy Spirit, not the evidence. The evidence will come, but it may be later. The power is in the Holy Spirit HIMSELF, not the Tongues or the sign. **The power and service is why God gives us His Spirit.**

The sign is a result of the infilling, not the infilling itself. They will follow and there is no definite time element involved here. It may be immediately, but not always so.

Relevant Points:

There has to be a genuine, heartfelt expectation that God is going to respond to your prayerful request

- If there is no expectation, why would HE enter in?

There has to be an earnest pursuit of the Word and His presence

- this is the only way that the vessel can be cleansed

You can receive the Infilling alone

- The Holy Spirit is Omni-present

You can receive the Infilling in the presence of others

- This further validates the encounter and the new beginning

The consequence of receiving an Infilling is life-changing

- You will no longer be compelled to live in apathy or sin

The benefits of receiving the Infilling are:

- The Fruit of the Spirit

- The Freedom from Ignorance about elements in this world

- The Power to resist temptations

- The Access to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- The Power to be Victorious in battle

- The assurance that death is not the end of your life.

THREE STEPS TO RECEIVING THE INFILLING

BELIEVING GOD’S PROMISE. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to all that believed. Acts 2:39 & John 15:16

Conclusion: The promise is ours for we have been called or chosen.

CLAIMING THAT PROMISE BY FAITH. If we believe something is ours, we claim it.

This is exactly what we must do to receive the Holy Spirit. If we don’t believe that it is ours we can’t have confidence in God to give it to us. (Luke 11:13 and Hebrews 10:23)

Key: We have believed God’s promise and claim God’s promise to give us the Holy Spirit, but, we still don’t have it. WHY? Moses and the children of Israel believed that the land of promise was theirs. They even claimed it, but they never did possess it because they failed God in the last step – POSSESSING the land. They began to doubt God’s Word that they were able to go in and possess what God had promised. So they sent men in to see if they could find MAN’S EVIDENCE that they would be able to take it. This displeased God so much that He refused to let them have possession of it until all the doubters were dead. He demanded that they accept HIS EVIDENCE, which is FAITH.

POSSESSING THE PROMISE. This goes without saying that it is the most important step of all. How do we possess the Holy Spirit of promise? We possess the Holy Spirit by: YIELDING TO FAITH IN THE POWER OF ALMIGHTY GOD TO GIVE US THAT WHICH WE HAVE ASKED HIM FOR IN THE NAME OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST. (Hebrews 11:1) (Luke 11:13) (1 Corinthians 14:22)
God’s evidence is FAITH. YOU MUST TAKE GOD’S EVIDENCE.
It is not a feeling----How we feel has nothing to do with God keeping His promise----

CONCLUSION: AND BY IT (FAITH) YOU CAN BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

When you have met the conditions by dedicating your life to God, believing, claiming the promise and yielding to faith, is there any reason to think God did not fill you with the Holy Spirit as He promised? How we feel has nothing to do with God keeping His promises. Feelings change; God’s promises never change. “HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY BUT MY WORD WILL NEVER PASS AWAY.” (John 14:14)

Tongues is a result of, not the infilling of the Spirit.

The power is not in the sign, but in the Holy Spirit HIMSELF.

Hebrews 11:1-2

Closing Prayer Invitation Second Offering Benediction