

reasoning, knowing, discriminating, feeling, desiring, purposing, deciding, evaluating, judging, and contacting and manipulating the physical world.)

Notice that this proposed definition says nothing about the spiritual condition of the person who is filled. It does not specify that the person must be regenerate, or indwelt by the Spirit, or advanced in his or her sanctification. Whether any of these qualifiers should be added to the definition is a matter to be decided on the basis of scriptural usage.

Accordingly, let us examine a number of scriptural references to the filling ministry of the Spirit.

Numbers 11:25-29 -- Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him (i.e., Moses), and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

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עַל־שִׁבְעִים אִישׁ הַזְּקֵנִים וַיְהִי כִגְנוּחַ
עֲלֵיהֶם הַרוּחַ וַיִּתְנַבְּאוּ וְלֹא יָסְפוּ

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Hedad are prophesying in the camp.' Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, 'Moses, my lord, stop them!' But Moses replied, 'Are you Jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit on them.' "

Notice that the filling is selective; not all of the people were filled. Notice also the initial evidence of the Spirit's filling of these elders: they prophesied (but only once; they did not do so again).

Judges 14:5-6 -- "Samson went down to Timnah together with his father and mother. As they approached the vineyards of Timnah, suddenly a strong lion came roaring toward him. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power (וַתִּצְלַח עָלָיו רוּחַ יְהוָה) so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. But he told neither his father nor his mother what he had done."

From this and other instances in the life of Samson we learn that filling is temporary; it happens to Samson again and again.

I Samuel 10:6, 10 -- "The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you (Saul) in power (וַיִּצְלַח עָלֶיךָ רוּחַ יְהוָה) and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying."

Notice that filling in some way changed or modifies personality, which implies the Spirit's control over the human faculties.

Isaiah 11:1-2 -- "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him --

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