

Ensure fellowship with God through 1 John 1:9

1John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In Review - Luke 1

- Zacharias is in the temple performing his priestly duties
 - He is the father to be of John, the forerunner of the descendent of David – Jesus Christ the King
 - He arrived there because of two things
 - (1) Malleability (his volition)
 - (2) The Providential Hands of God
 - God personally directs events to place the person at the right place at the right time
 - **Our** being at the right place at the right time as believers in the Church Age is **contingent on four things**
 - (1) **Volition** (decision making)
 - (A) Malleability¹ – to the will of God
 - Willingness to do whatever it is that God wants you to do
 - (B) Malleability² – to the will of God
 - The willingness to be taught whatever God wants you to be taught
 - (C) Dependence upon the mentorship of God the Holy Spirit
 - (2) **The providential Hands of God**
 - God directing events to place the person at the right place at the right time
 - He did it with Zacharias; He does it today
 - This is predicated on FAITH
 - That He will place you at the right place at the right time
 - That He is interested in things in your life
 - That He is capable to do so today
 - (3) **The Leading Ministry of God the Holy Spirit**
 - It is from within (His indwelling presence, 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19)
 - He has taken up permanent residence in you at faith alone in Christ alone

1 Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Cor 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

- Bearing Witness Ministry (Romans 8:15-16)

Rom 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"
Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

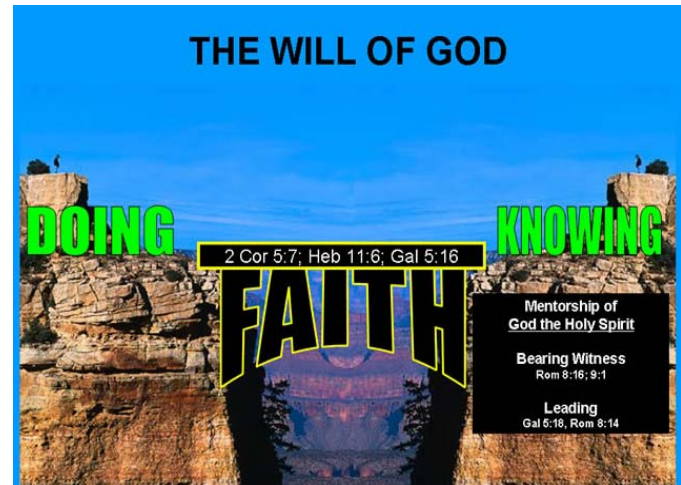
- (4) **Metabolized Bible Doctrine** – the digested Word of God

Rom 8:15-16

(15) For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you (y'all [believers in the Lord Jesus Christ]) have received (aorist tense from LAMBANO) a spirit (God the Holy Spirit at faith alone in Jesus Christ alone) of adoption as sons (UIHOTHEA) ~~by which~~ (*by whom*, i.e. by means of God the Holy Spirit, we are crying out) we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

(16) The Spirit Himself testifies (from SUMMARTUREO, is testifying; bearing witness) ~~with our spirit~~ (*to our spirit*) that we are children of God,

- Many believers don't have this witness in them because they are suppressing or hindering His ministry in their life.



Phil 2:13

(13) for it is God who is at work in you, both to will (THELO; will or desire) and to work for *His* good pleasure.

In Review

POD – the Church Age believer has the potential to be led from within by the Spirit of God as God Himself directs the circumstances from without.

POD – Metabolized Bible Doctrine protects the believer, (in the Church Age), from delusions of being led because the leading of the Spirit is never contrary to the Word of God.

- You must have a balanced equation (spirit and truth)

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Luke 1:13

- Zacharias is where God wants him to be and doing what God wants him to be doing
 - God breaks his 400 year silence by sending a message via the Archangel Gabriel in verse 13

Luke 1:13

(13) But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard (an answer to prayer), and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.

(14) "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth (Zacharias will experience joy and gladness because his son is going to do what God wants him to do; to herald the coming of Jesus Christ the Messiah and promised descendent of David & Abraham).

(15) "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit ~~while yet in~~ (out from) his mother's womb.

John the Herald's Mission Statement

(16) "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.

(17) "It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him (Jesus Christ) in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

➤ Verse 13

- He will be filled with the Holy Spirit
- PNEUMA modified by HAGIOS (God the Holy Spirit)
- PIMPLEMI – passive form of the verb: to be satiated – John will be fully filled
 - God the Holy Spirit will secure the greatest sphere of influence He can of John
 - John will herald the coming of Messiah and prepare the nation for His royal entrance into history

➤ Verse 17 - Illustration - anticipating the stars at the Shrine Auditorium for the Academy Awards – it *has to be made ready* for the event

- Jesus Christ is the greatest celebrity in human history
- The nation Israel had to be made ready for its Star – Messiah, the promised King of Israel
- That was John's job – could not do this on his own without Divine enablement
- Some in Israel prayed and longed for that event
- The Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, but they rejected their King
 - The Kingdom was postponed
 - Don't let God postpone things in your life because of your stiff-neck



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➤ John's "filling of the Holy Spirit" is *not* the same as ours

➤ **Commonalities**

- (1) Controlling influence
- (2) Divine enablement
- (3) Degrees of influence
- (4) The Source or Producer is the same

➤ **Differences**

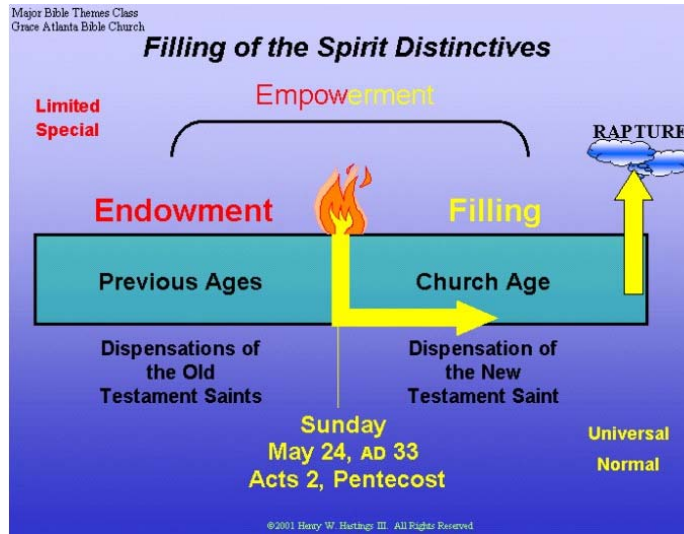
- (1) Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
 - a. In contrast, John lived *prior* to the Church Age
 - b. The Spirit came *upon him*, and abided *with* him to do the will of God
 - John had the endowment of the Holy Spirit
 - John still had a sin nature, he was the seed of Zacharias
 - He could have grieved the Holy Spirit away; we cannot

- We can lose *the Filling* of the Holy Spirit; when we sin
- For the *presence* of the Holy Spirit to be manifested we must be filled
- The filling or controlling influence is manifested within us because of the indwelling presence
- The Old Testament saints did not have that indwelling
- We can lose the filling, not the indwelling
- The Old Testament saints could lose the *presence*

John 14:16

(16) "I will ask the Father (in the future when He is received into Heaven), and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

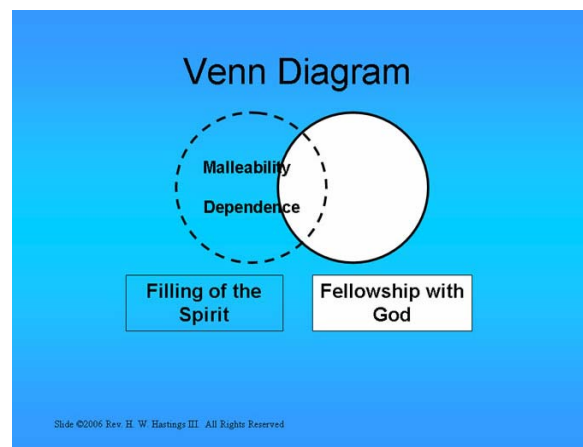
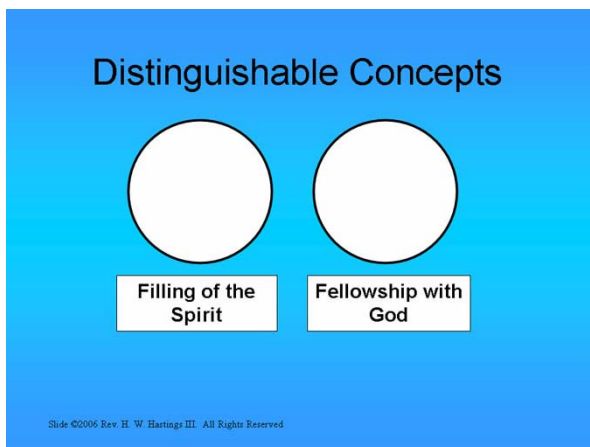
(17) *that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be* (predictive future tense) *in you.*



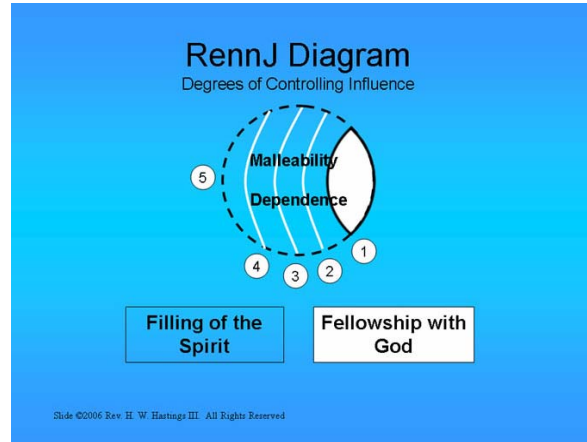
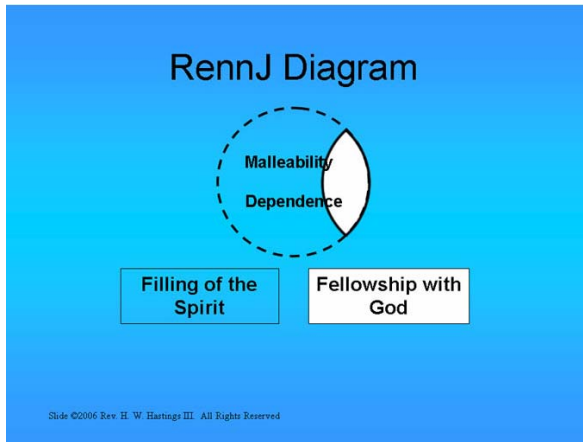
POD - As the enduement of the spirit provided the enable to do the will of God for the OTS, the filling provides the enablement for the New Testament saints to do the will of God.

Differences (summary)

- (1) Church Age – The Filling from within.
- (2) Church Age – The potential is always present to be filled.
- (3) Church Age – The permanent indwelling presence of God the Holy Spirit.
- (4) Church Age – We are incapable of grieving the Holy Spirit away.



- Fellowship with God is not the same as Filling of the Holy Spirit
 - The Venn Diagram shows what they have in common
 - Problem with the Venn Diagram – implies that a believer can be filled, but not be in fellowship; this is not true



- The RennJ Diagram illustrates the concept better
 - When you rebound you are placed into fellowship and you are filled
 - How do you maintain fellowship, and keep on being filled?
 - Malleability and dependence
 - Degrees of controlling influence (spheres of manifestation)
 - Are you willing to be like Mary, John, Zacharias?
 - “Bar 5” – John the Baptist

POD – Degrees of controlling influence or spheres of manifestation are secured by the Holy Spirit from within the believer contingent upon the believer’s malleability and dependence

From the book - *The Divine Comforter, The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*, by J. Dwight Pentecost

Romans 8:26 “I accept God’s will for my life whatever it is”

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.