



## “Our Fullness”

There is nothing more satisfying than the saturation of the Holy Spirit

*What does it look like to be FULL of the Spirit?*

**Stephen’s Hypothesis:** The Jews’ rejection of Jesus was part of a pattern and evidence of Jesus’ heavenly position.

**To be Full of the Spirit means to be full of his influence.**

*Is your soul Saturated with the living water?*

### Acts 7:51-53

<sup>51</sup> “You stiff-necked people with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are always resisting the Holy Spirit; as your ancestors did, so do you. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They even killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become. <sup>53</sup> You received the law under the direction of angels and yet have not kept it.”

#### 1) Full of boldness

- a) The Holy Spirit gives us the clarity and confidence to speak truth.
- b) Witnessing is not a gift, it’s a lifestyle. We talk about what we care about.
- c) The opposite of boldness is fear, and fear builds walls, where Boldness opens doors.

### Acts 7:54-58a

<sup>54</sup> When they heard these things, they were enraged in their hearts<sup>[a]</sup> and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, filled by the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven. He saw God’s glory, with<sup>[b]</sup> Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, <sup>56</sup> “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

<sup>57</sup> Then they screamed at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and together rushed against him. <sup>58</sup> They threw him out of the city and began to stone him. And the witnesses laid their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

#### 2) Fully Willing to die for Jesus

- a) If you are not willing to die for Jesus, then you haven’t trusted him with your life.
- b) Annual Martyrs globally: 1,200 (*open Doors*)-100,000 (*Vatican*)
- c) Dying to “self” is the everyday application of a willing attitude.

## **Acts 7:59-60**

<sup>59</sup> They were stoning Stephen as he called out: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin!” And saying this, he fell asleep.

### **3) Full of Forgiveness**

a) It is a supernatural choice when we forgive those we should hate.

### **How CAN I be full of the Spirit?**

We must do something that will allow the Spirit to occupy that space.

Cure the disease, not the symptoms.

#### **The 5 Spiritual Practices**

- Prayer
- Scripture meditation
- Fellowship
- Accountability
- Service.

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