

Compare Jesus Christ & Holy Spirit

JC & God the Father

1. JC sent by G/F
2. JC brings man to G/F
3. JC glorifies G/F
4. JC is God centered
5. JC reveals G/F
6. JC not supplant G/F but represent G/F
7. JC bear witness of G/F

HS & JC

1. HS sent by JC
2. HS brings man to JC
3. HS glorifies JC 16:14
4. HS is Christ Centered
5. HS reveals JC
6. HS not supplant JC but represent JC
7. HS bear witness of JC

8. JC leads to G/F & convicts
of not coming to G/F

9. JC will declare things to
come

10. JC did not speak on His
own initiative

11. Coming of JC is totally of
G/F – Not man

12. JC proclaims to Gentiles
Matt. 12:18; Heb 2:12

13. JC is truth GJ 14:6 Yet we
believe in JC for Eternal
sanctification

8. HS leads to JC & convicts
to believe in JC

9. HS declares things to come

10. HS will not speak on His
own initiative 16:13

11. coming of HS is of JC
not man.

12 HS proclaims GJ 16:1

13 HS is truth GJ 17:18 & we
believe in HS for experiential
sanctification

- What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- How am I filled with the Holy Spirit?

- How am I saved?
- How am I filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Both are a form of salvation and therefore both must be by God and by grace through faith.

- Eph. 5:18 & do not get drunk with wine,
for that is dissipation,
- but be filled with the Spirit,

- do not **get drunk with wine** Present
Passive Imperative
- but be **filled with the Spirit** Present
Passive Imperative

- II. What does the Greek NT mean when it speaks of *being filled with Holy Spirit?*
- *1. Our first task will be to inquire as to the exact meaning of the word "fullness" when used in connection with the ministry of the Spirit.*
- *2. Greek word is πληροω means to fill up a deficiency – when bel. is not in power of Holy Spirit, there is a deficiency of Spiritual life inside bel. Greek word also carries the idea of fully possessing- or fully influencing bel. who is empowered by Holy Spirit, walking with HS. & to fill up with the highest quality –highest quality of love, of wisdom etc.*

- 3. The expression, "filled by the Spirit" speaks of the Holy Spirit Filling /bel. with His ministry which in turn actually fully influences the mind & heart of the believer. This influence implies His control over that mind & heart. Thus the words "filled" refer to the control which the Spirit exerts over the believer by filling that bel. with His power & influence--

- 4. What is interesting about the verb “to fill” is that much is learned from the case of the noun that accompanies the verb. Here, the verb is “to fill” & noun is “Spirit”. Bullinger in his Word Studies on the Holy Spirit: “This verb takes the **accusative** case when expressing **the thing filled**. It takes the **genitive** case when the **matter** of the thing being filled is what is being talked about.
- & it takes the **dative** case when the means used to accomplish the filling, or of the instrument or agent that fills, that does the filling.

- In Eph. 5:18 "filled with the Spirit" the verb is followed by **the dative case**, which designates the fact that we are **not filled with /HS** (this would be genitive case) but the Holy Spirit is the agent that fills us. And He fills us with His ministry! The Holy Spirit is the divine agent who fills the one trusting Him with His fruit, power, etc.
- Bullinger points out that sometimes the preposition *en* –by or through is used in addition to the dative case –as here in Eph. 5:18—in order to emphasize the agent. Here, the agent is the third member of the Godhead is emphasized as the agent who fills the bel.

- 5. So here in Eph. 5:18 **be filled** is followed by the dative case plus preposition *en* & for correct understanding: be filled by Holy Spirit that is Holy Spirit is the **filler**; He fills us with His fruit, & power etc.
- Now some may wonder if this is a little too deep for a basic study, & ordinarily I would agree, but due to the all importance of being F/HS & all the confusion related to ministry of Holy Spirit we need to understand this issue as clearly as possible.

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- III. **What does 'filling BY Holy Spirit mean?**
- 1. First we are Indwelt by the Holy Spirit, He resides in us, & when we walk by faith in Holy Spirit –this allows Holy Spirit to minister to us, in us, this allows Holy Spirit to fill us with His various ministries.
- 2. We are never commanded to be Indwelt by Holy Spirit. This happens the moment we believe in Jesus Christ, so we are not exhorted to be Indwelt by Holy Spirit. but we are told to be *filled by Holy Spirit*.
- We are not filled by Holy Spirit just because Spirit indwells us.

- 3. The very fact that an individual is exhorted to do something, demands a decision that, that person exercises his will in the doing of that thing. That is, bel. is **not automatically filled** by Holy Spirit. For example, Holy Spirit does not automatically give wisdom or self-control etc. The bel. must make the continual decision to be filled by HS, filled with the work of Holy Spirit. We will see more of this in our next study on Holy Spirit in Gal. 5.

- A good place for seeing this is in Rom. 5:5 & hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- Given to us Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- Pours SL into our hearts – this is the Holy Spirit filling us with Spiritual Love.

- 4. Filling by the Spirit into /bel. is dependent upon the believer's decision toward & correct adjustment to the Holy Spirit, & this correct adjustment is made by Faith in Holy Spirit, trusting Him to do that for which He was sent to us and Indwells us.

- 5. The Lord Jesus did not save us until we recognized Him as the Savior & put our trust in Him for salvation.
- Trusting Him to do that for which He was sent.
- We trust in Jesus Christ—He saves
- We trust in Holy Spirit—He fills us with His ministries, sanctifying us & making us spiritual.
- As with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit does not fill us until we recognize Him as the One who has been sent by the Father to sanctify our lives, & trust Him to perform His ministry in & through us.

- I. Eph. 5:18 **be filled with the Holy Spirit.**
- II. What does the Greek N.T. mean when it speaks of *being filled with the Holy Spirit*
- III. What does filling BY the Holy Spirit mean?
- IV. HOW are we filled by the Holy Spirit?
- V. The verb: **be filled by the Holy Spirit**
- VI. Why so few know how to be filled by the Holy Spirit.

- 2 Cor. 3:5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves,
- but our adequacy is from God,
- 6 who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

