



*Daily
Devotional*

*Blessed are those who observe His testimonies
Who seek Him with all their heart.*

Psalm 119:2

Lakewood holds 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

January 6, 2014

Lakewood's 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held on Saturday, **January 18 at the Sharon McGavick Conference Center from 10 am to noon.** The public is invited to attend the celebration. Admission and parking are free. The theme for this year's celebration is "The Dream Begins, Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act".

The event features a wonderful variety of talented performers to include: The Total Experience Gospel Choir, The Prairie Bells, trumpeter Morris Northcutt, the Lakes High School Choir, the Chang Hee Suk drummers, the Grace Chapel Choir, the Freedom Dancers and many more outstanding performers! There will also be a reading by the winner of the Clover Park School District Martin Luther King essay contest. Welcome remarks will be given by the Mayor of Lakewood. Featured speaker is Dr. Nancy Bristow, Professor of History, University of Puget Sound. Additional guests include displays and representatives from the "Buffalo Soldiers Museum", the Philippine Scouts and the Tuskegee Airmen.

So mark **January 18** on your calendar and be sure you don't miss this outstanding event of music, dancing, song, history and more.

The Sharon McGavick Conference Center is located at the Clover Park Technical College, 4500 Steilacoom Blvd, Lakewood.



"...He's allowed me to go up to the mountain"

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"The Dream Begins"

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The Prairie Bells • Lakes High School Choir • Trumpeter Morris Northcutt • Curlie Evans
Life Christian Chamber Choir • The Grace Chapel Choir • The Chang Hee Suk drummers and many more outstanding performers. The ceremony will also feature a reading by the winner of the Clover Park School District MLK essay contest plus special exhibits by the Buffalo Soldiers Museum and Philippine Scouts.

Featured Speaker
Dr. Nancy Bristow, Professor of History, University of Puget Sound
Welcoming remarks by the Mayor of Lakewood
Don't miss this outstanding event of music, dancing, song, history and more

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For more information contact Jo Ethel Smith at 253-584-4673 or Dennis Higashiyama at 253-983-7855

Sharon McGavick Conference Center
Clover Park Technical College, 4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood

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A person is walking away from the camera down a brightly lit hallway. The hallway has a blue glow and a person's silhouette is visible in the distance. The text "LIFE IN THE SPIRIT" is overlaid on the image. "LIFE" and "IN THE" are in blue, while "SPIRIT" is in white.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 5:18

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Eugene Lang



Romans 8:9 (HCSB)

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God lives in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

“Our desperate need is not a new organization or a new movement or a new method—we have enough of these. I believe that the greatest need is that men and women who profess the name of Jesus Christ be filled with the Spirit. If you are not filled with the Spirit, you are sinning against God. You have no victory in your life, no joy, no thrill, no brilliancy.”



“I am convinced that to be filled with the Spirit is not an option, but a necessity. It is indispensable for the abundant life and for fruitful service. The Spirit-filled life is not abnormal; it is the normal Christian life. Anything less is subnormal; it is less than what God wants and provides for His children.



Therefore, to be filled with the Spirit should never be thought of as an unusual or unique experience for, or known by, only a select few. It is intended for all, needed by all, and available to all.”





3 Questions

What does it mean
to be filled with the
Holy Spirit?

Why would I want to be filled with the
Holy Spirit?

How do I become filled with the Holy
Spirit?

Three things occur
when a person is

SPIRIT *Filled*

**1. It is a noticeable
occurrence**

Acts 2

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NKJV)

For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

HOLY
BIBLE

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**2. It is a transformational
in nature**

2 Cor. 5:17

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ,
he is a new creation;
old things have passed away;
behold, all things have become new.

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BIBLE

1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)
as newborn babes,
desire the pure milk of the word,
that you may grow thereby,

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**3. It has an observable
effect**

Mat. 5:16, Jn. 13:35

Ephesians 5:18 (KJV)

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:18 (HCSB)

18 And don't get drunk with wine, which [leads to] reckless actions, but be filled by the Spirit:

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Ephesians 5:18-19 (GW)

18 Don't get drunk on wine, which leads to wild living. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

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Ephesians 5:18 (TLB)

18 Don't drink too much wine, for many evils lie along that path; be filled instead with the Holy Spirit and controlled by him.

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Ephesians 5:1-20 (NLT)

¹ Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. ² Live a life **filled** with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. ³ Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. ⁴ Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. ⁵ You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. ⁶ Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. ⁷ Don't participate in the things these people do. ⁸ For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! ⁹ For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. ¹³ But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, ¹⁴ for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." ¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ **Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,** ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FIFTY THINGS



THE
HOLY SPIRIT

DOES

I. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

BE

FILLED

WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 1:5 (NKJV)

...you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

HOLY
BIBLE

Four aspects on the verb “be filled” in Ephesians 5:18

BE

FILLED

WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



**BE
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HOLY · SPIRIT**

- It is stated in the imperative mood. Paul did not suggest, recommend, or utter a polite piece of advice; rather he commanded it.



BE
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HOLY • SPIRIT

- It is in the plural form. That means that every Christian must be filled with the Spirit. The fullness of the Spirit applies to all God's people, not to a favored few.



**BE
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- It is in the passive voice. It is not the believer that does the filling, rather God Himself. The believer simply receives the filling of the Holy Spirit. We make ourselves available to His filling. As we yield ourselves to the Spirit's control, He fills us with His power and presence.



**BE
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- It is in the present tense, meaning that being filled with the Spirit is to be a continuous experience. We are filled once for all, like a bucket. Instead, we are to be filled constantly. It might be translated, “Be filled and keep on being filled,” or “Be being filled.”

II. Why would I want to be filled with...



THE
HOLY SPIRIT

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26 times in the book of Acts these words are stated:

“They spoke the word of God boldly”



THE
HOLY SPRIT

III. How do I become filled with the Holy Spirit?

FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

FIVE BASIC PRINCIPLES TO FOLLOW

FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- DESIRE -

**We must have a thirst, a hunger for the Spirit
of God to control us.**

III. How do I become filled with the Holy Spirit?

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- PURITY -

We must be free from unconfessed sin.

III. How do I become filled with the Holy Spirit?



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- PETITION -

We must be in prayer for spiritual empowering.

III. How do I become filled with the Holy Spirit?



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- SUBMISSION -

We must be obedient to God's will.

III. How do I become filled with the Holy Spirit?

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- YIELDING -

We must be compliant to God's leading.