

**Revivals And Church History :: On being filled with the Spirit****On being filled with the Spirit - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/8/31 10:07**

Brethren,

Check this out from Charles Finney.

Read it if you dare :)

[http://www.gospeltruth.net/1868Lect\\_on\\_Rev\\_of\\_Rel/68revlec07.htm](http://www.gospeltruth.net/1868Lect_on_Rev_of_Rel/68revlec07.htm)

**Re: On being filled with the Spirit, on: 2016/9/1 3:01**

Thank you so much Stir it up for posting this sermon/article. It's straight talk was refreshing to me. I feel like finally reading about "THE IMPORTANT THINGS"

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/9/1 4:07**

Hey Zsuzsanna,

You don't get many straighter than Charles Finney :)

....and you don't get much of it today.

No wonder we have so many luke warm, namby pamby Christians today, still babies when they should be all grown up.

Whether we "agree" with everything Charles Finney said or not, I believe it would be very beneficial to us all if we read through this article a few times and then put it into practice.

Today, in our churches and lives, it is not knowledge that is lacking, but obedience.

Finney also said: "Revival is simply a new beginning of obedience"

Blessings,

**Re: , on: 2016/9/1 20:35**

I like this article for the same reason I like Jim Cimbala's sermons: simplicity. The article writes about living with clear conscience. I know what it is and it's very desirable for me. After many "should-a-christian-do-this-and-that"-type-of-discussions reading this article for me was like listen to Elihu for Job after his other friends tried to guess what was wrong with him. I had this feeling:

Job 33:7

7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.

**Excellent read, much to think and pray about., on: 2016/9/1 22:25**

That was excellent, William. I need to read that over and over. Anything I have ever read of Finney, I have liked, now I see why. This is the first time I saw that message.

**Re: On being filled with the Spirit - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/9/1 23:00**

Ha! Brother William that's just one of the many reasons Finney is one of my all time favs.

That particular site has been a go to source for many years and while I enjoy the "other writers" there are a few articles that I struggle with but generally I've found it to be in line with Keith Daniels and his take on scriptures and preaching the gospel.

Thanks again for sharing as it was good to read again:)

**Re: , on: 2016/9/2 7:37**

Praise God, thank you for this brother William!

The context of his lecture is for Christians to be filled with the Spirit. So what do you think he means towards the end when he makes this statement:

"9. If you die without the Spirit, you will fall into hell. There can be no doubt of this. Without the Spirit you will never be prepared for heaven."

**Re: , on: 2016/9/2 7:43**

Romans 8:9 King James Version (KJV)

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

**Re: , on: 2016/9/2 8:29**

Amen sister but the context of his lecture is not salvation but "be filled with the Spirit".

**Re: , on: 2016/9/2 8:33**

Is Finney changing the subject with that statement and speaking about those who have never been born again or is he saying that a person who is not filled with the Spirit does not have the Spirit and has therefore "lost their salvation"?

Or is he speaking of both?

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/9/2 9:58**

Hi Mark,

That statement caused me to pause as well. Not knowing all of Finney's theology I would need to read through it a bit more before I comment, but I can see why that statement could cause problems :)

Blessings,

**Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/9/2 10:58**

I could be wrong in my understanding of what brother Finney was saying but I read it as a believer who has been lazy in their growth and while they were "indwelted" by the spirit they were never "filled" with the spirit yet had every reason and opportunity to be so.

I say this because of the order of context in which he makes that statement but again I could be mistaken.

Finney was a stickler for his systematic theology and being a lawyer he did well in separating the "literals" from the "potentials" and divided the word quite well by my reasoning. After studying many of the great evangelists, Finney came the closest by far to my own personal conclusions.

**Re: , on: 2016/9/2 11:50**

awakened,

I think I don't understand the doctrine here. I thought that at the moment I surrendered my life to Christ and was born again I received the Holy Spirit to remain in me, teach me guide me. If I continuously grieve the HS he will guide and teaching me less, and if I remain in sin I will eventually ignore Him, which makes my conscience seared and I become so hardened that I will insult Him and blaspheme Him. If I am not filled with the spirit what's the use that I have Him? We have the spirit so we can be filled with him all the time. I don't think that the article meant to say that we are being in and out of the Kingdom according to our daily mistakes/repentance, but if we neglect wanting to obey and be filled, eventually we find ourselves without the spirit and lost.

So not being filled with the spirit in my opinion can result in losing Him entirely and our salvation. This is what I think now and I am open to correction. I also do not understand the Pentecostal teachings about having the spirit/baptized with the spirit/filled with the spirit although I always went to Pentecostal charismatic churches, and used to speak

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tongues without which (they said) I don't have the spirit.

What I know now is that I have the spirit because He is teaching and guiding me from the moment I became a christian. However there were times when I did not pay attention to Him at all.

What did you mean when you said:

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I thought that our sanctification that is done by the way of being filled with the spirit is part of our salvation. So if the lecture is about being filled with the spirit it is also about salvation. I think Finney says that without sanctification we do not have salvation.

**Re: , on: 2016/9/2 13:26**

Hi guys,

My wife called me from the zero turn lawn mower and said I have to spend less time on SI and more time doing work. Ok that was a joke. She's not on the zero turn, are you crazy...I make her use the push mower:-) Ok I'll stop, but I really have sooooo much work today and yet I really enjoy these kinds of fruitful discussions. What to do?!!!

Anyway, I personally believe that a person can "lose" their salvation. I think that in simple terms this is what Finney is saying. How, where, why and when we can come to this state as a professing christian is the trillion dollar question and we could argue over the semantics of this issue until Jesus came back.

Suffice to say I only know what I know. At some time in my life I "lost" the Holy Spirit. God spoke to me in a vision and showed me the true state of my life. It was a life altering experience and has forever changed my outlook on christianity and this "salvation" that we think we have all figured out. This is my personal testimony and I do not lay any heavy burden on anyone else. But it is true, I am convinced of it, that even though I professed Christ, I had somehow lost the connection, lost the Spirit, had wandered away from it. I had become a hypocrite and although others thought I had God's life, I knew after that vision what was really going on in my life. I was lost, unsaved...devoid of the Spirit. Exactly the kind of christian that Finney is speaking of in the lecture.

And you know what? I am under no illusions that it could never happen again. This is why we need the ministry of brothers like Finney and others like him. These voices are all but lost in this country and others and as a result the church had fallen asleep.

There go I but for God's grace.

Lets pray.

"Dear Lord, revive our hearts as we seek to come back into a place of true hunger for You and You alone. Revive all of us here on SI Lord and help us to hunger and thirst for the Water of Life, to grow weary of this world and all that is in it, and to sup with you. Dear Lord do an new things in our hearts today, all of us. Forgive us for arguing and being petty with one another. Amen."

Blessings guys, got to go and do some work, you know how it is:-)

**Re: brother Mark - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/9/2 14:42**

Brother your humor is completely out of place in this thread, how could you possibly think that was appropriate???

Ha! Just kidding;)

And actually your humor is well received and appreciated-

As for the rest of your post...

I couldn't agree more, and feel much the same as you regarding not being able to know exactly how or what or when on

e might lose it but the spirit bears witness in me that it can happen.

And yes I agree the voices like Finney, Booth, Wesley etc... are all but extinct in our time,... but who knows, maybe the Lord has something or someone being prepared in the background and soon to be revealed:)

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/9/2 16:07**

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A true Christian, per Finney, would be filled with the Spirit. If not, probably not a Christian

Quote: "VI. Consequences of not being filled with the Spirit.

1. You will often doubt, and reasonably doubt, whether you are Christians. You will have doubts, and you ought to have them. The sons of God are led by the Spirit of God. And if you are not led by the Spirit what reason have you to think you are sons? You will try to make a little evidence go a great way to bolster up your hopes, but you cannot do it, unless your conscience is seared as with a hot iron. You cannot help being plunged often into painful doubt and uncertainty about your state. Rom. viii. 9.--"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." 2 Cor. xiii. 5.--"Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves: know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobate?"

**Re: , on: 2016/9/2 16:27**

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stir it up, I see the same way, that's why i can not understand the pentecostal teaching. Could you please explain briefly what else is there?

**Re: brother William - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/9/2 16:35**

Well my understanding is that there is a distinct difference between being indwelt and filled...

Indwelling occurs at initial water baptism and is strong and consistent but can be ignored somewhat by immature Christians whereas being filled or baptized is a much stronger and more difficult to resist experience-

**Re: , on: 2016/9/2 17:09**

JWF, If the difference is in intensity, could a strong indwelling be the same as a weak baptism? If I understand you well you say that being filled with the HS is synonymous to being baptized in the HS. As we can be filled many times, would you say that we can be baptized many times with the HS?

**Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/9/2 17:25**

Hmmmm,...

Well I can only speak from what light I have and with that I'd say no, but again I think sometimes there is differing verbiage assigned to the same thing by peoples in different times or cultures...

How Finney describes being filled is a very accurate depiction of my own experience of being baptized with the spirit. Tho this occurred many years after I initially came to faith in Christ and was water baptized- where when I had only been water baptized the spirit was definitely an influence and helped tremendously tho I wasn't really "on fire" for Jesus. Tho after being baptized with the Spirit it was instant and has for the most part been an unstoppable force. Like nitrous to a race car- the desire to minister and feed on the word is exponentially stronger.

Btw- when I received the baptism of the spirit I not only hadn't asked for it, I didn't even know there was such a thing.

**Re: , on: 2016/9/2 18:37**

Thanks for the answer JFW. I had a similar experience, from a well defined hour and minute on, it is as if I received boldness in understanding the word of God, and a strong desire to follow Jesus. But this happened when I supposedly had the baptism of the HS for years, (my church said i received the baptism when I started to speak in tongues) so I am not sure this was the baptism or just an other infilling. And it also coincided with my return from lukewarmness/backsliding.

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This is a comforting statement, I think so too.

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Same here, and to avoid the cultural differences: it is a very accurate depiction of how we are with the Holy Spirit.  
God bless you,  
Zsuzsanna

**Re: On being filled with the Spirit - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2016/9/2 19:21**

You can find all of Finney's Lectures on Revival here on SI at the following link;

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?view=category&cid=96&page=2>

There was some audio recordings done by Robert Wurtz of the lectures also but I'm not sure where their located.

In Christ,

**Re: , on: 2016/9/3 3:35**

There is a very good little pamphlet called "Holiness the Key to Revival" free online, by Patricia Knowles, a Pentecostal who's husband had been reading the literature on past revivals. They began to see that the teaching they had received on Spirit baptism was not the same thing as what they were reading about and that the past revivals equated Spirit baptism to holiness or entire sanctification and not "power" and "tongues" and what they and their peers in the denomination had was not a patch on the witnesses they found.

In fact there was a huge debate about this in the 19th century and holiness people separated themselves from this new definition of the term Spirit baptism, as a post conversion event, and since then the true meaning has gone out of fashion and the church has plummeted into a very dark place, like where it was before the Wesley revivals which brought back the true meaning of it.

If we are baptised by the HOLY Spirit then the sign is that we have become holy. Pure and simple.

The writers of the pamphlet are still seeking for entire sanctification and preaching it wherever they can.

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/9/3 4:01**

Thanks Brenda,

I will certainly check it out. We can always learn more about this.

My own experience and learning was a bit different and when I have a bit more time I will attempt to describe it and line it up with God's Word.(Understanding that I cannot make my experience the rule :)  
Hopefully this will be unto edification to my brothers and sisters.

Blessings,

**Re: Holiness the Key to Revival, on: 2016/9/3 5:57**

Brenda

I can not find this can you email me the link or post it?

**Re: , on: 2016/9/3 5:59**

Most of it:

[https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=9cx6-LIfEp8C&pg=PA8&lpg=PA8&dq=Holiness+the+Key+to+Revival&source=bl&ots=oqiofsy1NP&sig=c5V79iyAKJH\\_T4050kukofeUrvo&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjWtsq-8PLOAhWJJsAKHa8EAj44ChDoAQguMAM#v=onepage&q=Holiness%20the%20Key%20to%20Revival&f=false](https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=9cx6-LIfEp8C&pg=PA8&lpg=PA8&dq=Holiness+the+Key+to+Revival&source=bl&ots=oqiofsy1NP&sig=c5V79iyAKJH_T4050kukofeUrvo&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjWtsq-8PLOAhWJJsAKHa8EAj44ChDoAQguMAM#v=onepage&q=Holiness%20the%20Key%20to%20Revival&f=false)

**Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2016/9/3 6:22**

Sister Brenda wrote; "If we are baptised by the HOLY Spirit then the sign is that we have become holy. Pure and simple."

Yes and Amen!!!!

Speaking in tongues was not evidenced with me so while I have at times prayed in tongues it's not a common practice for me.

Brother Keith Daniels has an excellent sermon on SI on the difference of having the spirit indwelling and being filled with the spirit.

If my memory serves me correctly, one of the text he uses is Matthew 5:6 and goes into the dif between "imputed" and "imparted" if I'm not mistaken but I could be mixing two of his sermons together.

Brother K. Daniels seems to ask for repeated "refillings" and often while praying before commencing with a sermon will ask to be filled afresh and washed afresh... These terms used as he does, I must admit, are foreign to me but they prove quite effective for this brother as he is a quite effective instrument in the Lords hands.

I have heard it taught that being filled/baptized with the spirit was specifically to equip a saint for ministry, an anointing if you will- this seems a possibility to me as I've never met a person who has experienced it that didn't minister most of the time. It's like they got "switched on" and they're generally far more concerned about the cause of Christ than anything else and this is sometimes sharply contrasted with person who, tho learned, isn't filled... There's just no denying the difference but I can honestly say I personally don't know that many people who are filled/baptized with the holy spirit, but I know alot of people who know alot about Him.

**Re: , on: 2016/9/3 7:07**

To be fair to Greg and the sermons he has on this site, I will start by going through the ones on here to be start of my list and will listen to Keith Daniels who I am not sure about, but will be clear about where I think he is off track..

**Re: , on: 2016/9/3 7:35**

There is a fashion in some circles, of admiring preachers who shout and bang, thinking that it makes them sound more authentic and holy, just as a backlash to the 'soft' preaching that has been heard. It however does not make them more spiritual.

Keith Daniels, is not preaching Holiness doctrine. The gospel he preaches is that which denies the necessity of a second blessing.

What this position denies is that a man can be converted and still struggle with sin. Internal sin that is like fear and doubt . It is not realistic.

It is not the true gospel of Holiness.