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3. The Holy Spirit is to control the believer so often that it becomes a permanent characteristic of his life (Acts 6:3,5; 7:55 and 11:24)

Note: The expression "full of the Holy Spirit" means that the believer is controlled by the Holy Spirit so often that it is a permanent characteristic of his life. Just as a person who manifests wisdom over and over again is said to be "full of...wisdom" (Acts 6:3) and that is a permanent characteristic of his life, so a person who is controlled by the Holy Spirit over and over again is said to be "full of the Holy Spirit" and that is a permanent characteristic of his life. This doesn't mean that the believer is controlled by the Holy Spirit always throughout his entire Christian life, for if that were the case, the believer would never sin, but it does mean that the believer is controlled by the Holy Spirit so often that it is a permanent characteristic of his life. This contradicts the definition of the baptism with the Holy Spirit given by the Pentecostals and Neo-Pentecostals, for they say that the baptism with the Holy Spirit "is an instantaneous" (once for all) "experience...distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth." Therefore, the baptism with the Holy Spirit as defined by the Pentecostals and Neo-Pentecostals cannot be the same as the filling of the Holy Spirit. It should be observed that Jesus was controlled by the Holy Spirit always throughout His life. Thus He was said to be "full of the Holy Spirit" (Luke 4:17).

The evidence of the filling of the Holy Spirit is a proper relationship with God and a proper relationship with one's fellow man. Paul brings this out in Eph. 5:19-21 where he says, "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (the believer's horizontal relationship with his fellow man), "singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord" (the believer's vertical relationship with God), "giving thanks always unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (the believer's vertical relationship with God), "submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (the believer's horizontal relationship with his fellow man). Interestingly enough, Paul doesn't say that tongues are the evidence of the filling of the Holy Spirit. In fact, tongues are only associated with the filling of the Holy Spirit once, and that is Acts 2:4.