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Spiritual Gifts, Session #7
Topic: “The Importance of the Filling of the Spirit”
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Introduction:

- A. Since spiritual gifts are the “manifestation of the Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:7), the degree of effectiveness in which they are ministered is dependant on the power of the Spirit.
- B. The Spirit’s power comes through the Spirit’s filling.

I. SOME IMPORTANT DISTINCTIONS.

- A. We must distinguish between the “baptism of the Holy Spirit and the “filling of the Holy Spirit.”
 - 1. The Baptism of the Spirit is described in 1 Corinthians 12:13.
 - 2. It is the Holy Spirit taking the believer and immersing (*baptizo*---baptizing) them into the body of Christ.
 - 3. It is a one time event that takes place at conversion.
- B. We must distinguish between the “indwelling of the Holy Spirit” and the “filling of the Holy Spirit.”
 - 1. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the Spirit taking up residence within us (John 14:16-17)