

## On Eagle's Wings: The Work of the Holy Spirit

### **The Holy Spirit Working Within (Be Filled - *Pleiroo* and *Pleires*)**

*Pleiroo* (or its cognate *pleires*), is used consistently for the inner work of the Holy Spirit and usually refers to something that gets fuller and fuller until it is saturated. It usually refers to a state of being.

#### **Examples of *Pleiroo* and *Pleires* Not Used for the Holy Spirit**

- “The child grew and became strong, *filled* with wisdom ...” (Luke 2:40)
- “The house was *filled* with the fragrance of the ointment” (John 12:3)
- “A sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it *filled* all the house where they were sitting” (Acts 2:2)
- “Ananais, why has Satan *filled* your heart ...?” (Acts 5:3)
- “You have *filled* Jerusalem with your teaching ...” (Acts 5:28)

#### **Examples of *Pleiroo* and *Pleires* Used for the Holy Spirit**

- “Jesus, *full* of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil” (Luke 4:1-2)
- “Pick out from among you seven men of good repute, *full* of the Spirit and of wisdom ...” (Acts 6:3)
- “They chose Stephen, a man *full* of faith and of the Holy Spirit ...” (Acts 6:5)
- “[Barnabas] was a good man, *full* of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (Acts 11:24)
- “The disciples were *filled* with joy and with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 13:52)
- “Be *filled* with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns ...” (Ephesians 5:18-19)

### **The Holy Spirit Working Upon (Be Filled – *Pleitho*)**

*Pleitho*, is used consistently for the outer work of the Holy Spirit and usually refers to a brief, temporary filling which is usually associated with a following action.

#### **Examples of *Pleitho* Not Used for the Holy Spirit**

- “... took a sponge, *filled* it with vinegar ... gave it to him to drink” (Matthew 27:48)
- “... *filled* both the boats, so that they began *to sink*” (Luke 5:7).
- “... all in the synagogue were *filled* with wrath. And they *rose up* ...” (Luke 4:28-29)

#### **Examples of *Pleitho* Used for the Holy Spirit**

- “They were all *filled* with the Holy Spirit and began to *speak* in other tongues ...” (Acts 2:4)
- “Then Peter, *filled* with the Holy Spirit, *said* ... (Acts 4:8)
- “They were all *filled* with the Holy Spirit and *spoke* ... (Acts 4:31)
- “Saul, who is also called Paul, *filled* with the Holy Spirit, *looked* intently at him and *said* ...” (Acts 13:9-10)

From this we see that there are two distinct actions that have two different purposes. To be full of the Holy Spirit we need both His indwelling and His empowerment.