

Get Tanked Up

One morning as I went downstairs to study for a message I was getting ready to preach, I flipped the switch to my propane fireplace and the Holy Ghost began to speak to me. He said, the problem with the church in North America is that they are like the pilot light in a propane fireplace. In the darkness you can see a very dim light, but in the daylight it can't be seen at all. Just like the church, the pilot light does not produce much light and hasn't been producing any heat. The Spirit of God came to dwell inside you and His Spirit is upon you, but if you don't open the valve – if you don't flip the switch – then you are not going to get any heat and you're not going to give off any light. The Holy Spirit is that switch. He lives inside of you, but you need to let Him out of the basement. You need to flip the switch and let Him out!

Jesus said it this way in John 7:37, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink!" The problem many times is that people don't come to God and drink, they come to Him and think. In order to drink, you have to open up your mouth. We need to shout praises unto God and lift up our voices! In the upper room they lifted up their voice and were all filled with the Holy Ghost! In Acts 4, they lifted up their voice in one accord and were refilled with the Holy Ghost. Staying full of the Holy Ghost is simply a choice. Jesus said to Martha, there is only one thing that you need to do; you need to get into the presence of God. How do we do that? Shout with the voice of triumph! Where the Spirit of God is in charge and where the Holy Ghost is allowed to minister and flow, there is liberty and freedom. This is where we are changed from glory to glory into the image of His Son. In order for change to come, you have to get into the presence of God and begin to glorify Him.

Anything that is not revelation is religion; having a form of godliness but denying its power. Religion is dead and dry. If you want more of God, you need to open your mouth wide and He will fill it! If you will allow yourself to

get into the presence of the Holy Spirit, He will begin to change you. With this comes freedom and liberty! When you get praying in the Holy Ghost, worshipping and dancing around your bedroom, you will begin to experience this freedom.

The Holy Spirit is the messenger of the New Covenant and the enforcer of your covenant rights in God. He is the change agent; the metamorphosis that you and I need in our lives. If you will keep that switch turned on and get tanked up in the Spirit by speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in your heart unto the Lord, you can't be depressed. You can't be down and out when you are praising God. You can't stay sick when you are praising God. Romans 8:11 says that He will quicken your mortal body. A man free from worry and anxiety is a man whose immune system is invincible to disease. We can be immune to all health hazards.

Many diseases are rooted in fear. People don't just die from broken bodies, they die from broken hearts. Broken hearts cause broken bodies. Many people who have died early, had a broken heart issue; an issue in their heart that was never healed. It affected their whole body until it killed them and took them home. This is why Jesus came to preach the gospel to the poor. He knew that poverty would kill you. He came to heal broken hearts because He knew a broken heart would kill you. A broken heart won't just steal your life, but it will steal your destiny. When your heart is making melody unto God, when your heart is worshipping God, it doesn't matter what is going on around you; there's a Holy Ghost party happening in you.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is called the oil of joy. How do you know when you are full of the Holy Ghost? You will be full of joy! You may just have the pilot light on right now, but it's time for you to turn on the gas. It's time for you to flip the switch! If you flip the switch and allow God to move in, the answer to all your problems is sitting up on the inside of you.

He's a perfect gentleman; He will stay in the basement if you leave Him there, but let Him out! Let Him out to enjoy the rest of the house!

Liberty and joy are authentic proof of revelation knowledge in your life. When a true transformation takes place in your life, we will see the evidence. You will get happy! Jesus is anointed with the oil of joy for mourning. The kingdom of God is neither meat nor drink; it is not a physical thing, but it is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Peter said it is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

I don't know about you, but I am not satisfied with any dead, dry religion. We want revelation that causes a revolution. We want radical things going on in our lives. God wants us to be like Aquila and Priscilla; addicting ourselves to the cause of Christ. He told us that we could be filled with the fullness of God. If we would just take a drink of the Holy Spirit every day, all of a sudden we will find ourselves addicted to Him. All we need to do is open our mouths and begin to praise.

When you have true revelation of the Word, you can be so free that it doesn't matter what people are doing to you. They can be talking ugly about you, but you can be so deliriously happy that nothing can hurt you. When you get around the Anointed One and His anointing, you can't help but get happy. It's time for a Holy Ghost breakout! In Acts 16, Paul and Silas were sitting in a jail cell at midnight, after being whipped, beaten and bleeding. Paul looks at Silas and says, I feel a song coming on! They opened up their mouths and began to worship God with all of their hearts. They were so loud that everyone in the prison heard them. It's time to get radical for Jesus! This is where your victory is!

God gave you a provision for triumphant living and He is the Holy Ghost. The baptism and the constant refilling of the Holy Ghost is your victory; it's your place of triumph. Why are you living like Clark Kent when Superman is living on the inside of you? Turn your pilot light up so that people can see that light shining bright in you. You are a treasure in an earthen vessel (2 Corinthians 4:7). It is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)! In Him we live, and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). We are His offspring and when the world sees you, they see Jesus. Rejoice and get happy! Flip the switch and get tanked up in the Holy Ghost!

~Pastor Gary Hooper

Much More!

God wants us full! We can be as full as we want to be or as empty as we want to be – it's entirely up to us! He will let us have as much as we want; as much as we can take to the overflow. "The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). In other

words, have life in fullest measure! Have it until it overflows! Have it to the full, possessing it in superabundance! Let's get full today!

I've entitled this article, Much More! "Much more" is mentioned five times in Romans chapter five. He demonstrated His love to us while we were still sinners, and to those who have yet to accept Jesus (Romans 5:7-8). *Much more* we're saved from *all* wrath (Romans 5:9). *Much more* we've been reconciled (Romans 5:10-13). The law has been fulfilled by Jesus; we're saved by grace. Jesus, the second Adam, was our second chance to get it right. Thank God He got it right for us. *Much more* we are justified (Romans 5:14-16). *Much more*, we're the righteousness of God in Christ if we are born again (Romans 5:17-19). Where sin abounded, grace did *much more* abound and will for eternity (Romans 5:20-21). We're sanctified, justified and redeemed by the grace of God. Five is the number of grace.

We have to comprehend the love of God to be filled with the fullness of God. Here are three things needed to experience the fullness of the Spirit.

1. We must be grounded and settled in love by having a real knowledge of what love is (Ephesians 3:17-19). Love isn't based on our understanding of how much we love God, but how by how much He loves us. His love to us never changes. Nothing can separate us from God's love. His unconditional, *agape*, love is downloaded in us so we don't have to work to get His love or approval. We're stamped with the seal of approval and are accepted in the Beloved. It's easy to love someone who loves us, but God said to love our enemies; those that don't love us, and those who persecute us. Stop at that point in time and say, "Jesus, let the love flow right now. I need that love flowing. Help me, Lord." It takes practice. Our goal is to be like Jesus. Let Him work with us.
2. We must have a clear understanding of God's Word. God and His Word are one (John 1:1). God is love. God, the Word, love – they are all the same.
3. We must clearly understand our own soil (Matthew 13:8; Mark 4:8). The good soil was broken down into three portions: 30, 60 and 100. We can have good soil, but only have a 30% harvest. We need to understand the soil of our heart and get the good soil going first. When the soil is in the hands of the Lord, there's no limitation of harvest. When we've reacted in a situation, check the soil. Shame, guilt or condemnation can build a wall between us and God and shut down our receiver. His love is still coming, but there's a block on our side. Go to God and say, "Lord, there's something blocking Your love. Whatever it is, I'm putting this ground into Your hands so that You can perfect it and allow that love to flow to and through me." What Word can we pull on that's already in the good soil? The love of God is shed

abroad in my heart by the Holy Ghost (Romans 5:5). So if we pray in the Spirit, that love might start to generate. That's putting it perfectly into the hands of the Lord.

Time is short. These are the last days! Let us take the abundance of the grace of God and be so full of expectancy that we'll have that *much more* abundant life manifested!

~Pastor Nancy Hooper

Praise Reports!

In early 2009, my husband lost his job. For several months, we really struggled financially. We prayed, confessed and stood on the Word of God for our finances. We began to confess that God is our source and all of our needs were met. In the natural, our needs sure didn't look like they were being met. We kept on praying, confessing and tithing. At times, it seemed like it would never turn around. There were many times when it seemed impossible and we were tempted to give up. Nevertheless, we kept on standing, knowing that our God is able. He doesn't want us broke or in debt. He wants us prosperous in every area.

In July, my husband got a job as a Superintendent of a large apartment building. We put our home up for sale and moved into the building. Now, we had a second salary. However, in addition to paying the mortgage and lot rent on our mini home, we were now paying rent for the apartment. We still confessed and believed that *all* of our needs were met.

This continued for a few months. Although my husband really enjoyed his job and we liked our apartment, neither of us felt that this was a permanent thing. My husband kept working hard at this job and we continued to believe for God's best. By October, we had found a reliable, responsible person to rent our mini home. The rent that she pays more than covers our mortgage and lot rent. GLORY!

In November, we saw a job posting for a Superintendent of a condo building very close to where we currently live. My husband applied for the job and got it. Praise God! Not only does he get a regular salary, but we also get a free condo, plus free power, cable, telephone and internet. Talk about our needs being met! Even more good news is that our condo was completely renovated and we were able to choose the flooring, paint colors and even countertops. This is exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think. If that wasn't enough reason to shout, I found out the other day that I was the successful candidate in a job posting where I work. It is more responsibility and the salary is better.

We serve a mighty God! All the praise and glory goes to Him!

~Lisa—Halifax, NS

Salvation Prayer

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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