

**BELIEVE ON JESUS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES
AND BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**

John 7: 37-43

³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing^[a] in Him would receive; for the Holy^[b] Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰ Therefore many^[c] from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." ⁴¹ Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? ⁴² Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" ⁴³ So there was a division among the people because of Him.

v.3 If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

The key: V37b

"If any man thirst"

John 4:14

¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

God designed His church to be a life giving church.

He provides us, the believers to become co-laborers with Him in building His church.

We should be more excited today to see God's church grow than ever before.

Our question should be what can I do to help build a life giving church for a dying world?!

The first thing to do is get filled with the Spirit.

Listen to this Message

Vs. 37,38

Believe on Jesus according to the scriptures

The Old Testament prophets tell of His virgin birth, His sacrificial death, His resurrection, His second coming etc.

The New Testament scriptures teach us how we should believe.

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Believing requires repentance

Luke 13: 3-5

³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

Believing includes sanctification

John 17:15-17

¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

v.15b but...keep them from the evil one Asv

v.17 sanctify – means to set apart – separate
also, to cleanse, purify

HOW? Through the Word.

- By Jesus

I Corinthians 1:30

³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

I Thessalonians 4: 3-4, 7

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,
⁷ For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

- By His Blood

Hebrews 13:12

¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

- Believe on Jesus for the Holy Spirit

John 14: 16-18

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Acts 1: 4-5, 8-9

⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me^[a] in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Dr. Ray H. Hughes in his book *Who Is The Holy Ghost* states:

"Should the church ever forget she was born of the Holy Ghost and her life is the soul-sanctifying unction of the Holy Ghost it will become a spiritual tomb and our church membership records will be a mere census of a cemetery.

When the Spirit fell on the Day of Pentecost, the multitudes came together. This is the Pentecostal way of filling a church."

Why so Many Denominations?

John 7: 40-43

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V.43 division, dissension, the people disagreed about Him.

Again I say to you believe on Jesus according to the Scriptures

Believe what the scriptures say regarding

- Who He is
- Who He became
- What He taught
- How He suffered
- How He died
- How He rose again
- What He promised to believers
- That He is coming again.

AMEN!