

It is safe to assume that everyone here today has indoor plumbing. If we want a glass of water, it is simply a matter of taking a glass, placing it under the faucet, and turning on the water. The water is available for us. It is simply a matter of taking it and using it.

Our message today, however, is on being filled with the Spirit.

Joel 2:28-29 “ I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;

So is it possible that being filled with the Spirit might resemble drunkenness? if you are going to be under the influence, then be under the influence of the Holy Spirit . The Holy Spirit is a spiritual stimulant. Holy Spirit improves our judgment. The Holy Spirit makes Christians more loving.

The in-filling of the Holy Spirit is not something we can do for ourselves. You nor I can fill ourselves with the Holy Spirit. Instead, we must allow Him to fill us. If we were water glasses, we could set ourselves under the faucet, but we could not turn the water on. In the same way that we must allow the Holy Spirit to do the filling.

There is a story about a child's plastic wading pool that had to be refilled constantly. It seemed that the children who were using the pool were constantly fetching buckets of water to keep their pool full, because there was a crack in the bottom and water leaked out constantly. Like it or not, you and I are cracked and leaky, too. It is a matter of submitting to the Holy Spirit every day of our lives and allowing the Spirit to fill us up.

Paul was not simply addressing an individual in the Ephesian church. He was addressing everyone in the Ephesian church. Being filled with the Spirit was not just the responsibility of the pastor. It was a part of the life of every member of the body. The same holds true today. Being filled with the Spirit and experiencing the power is not something reserved for the spiritual elite. It is a privilege of every christian.

Think of your life as a house. Every room has a locked door. You hold the key to every lock. Perhaps one room is your relationship to your family, another your attitude toward people who are different from you. Being filled with the Spirit means handing over your key chain to him. It means you allow him into every aspect of your life.

When you allow the Holy Spirit to fill you, it is because you want more of God, more of his presence, more of his power, more of his grace. Let the spirit keep filling you up, like a glass under the faucet is full of water so may we be full of it, the Spirit.