

## Luke 1:57-80 A Spirit Filled Family

What it means to be Spirit Filled, and the evidence of being baptized in or filled with the Holy Spirit, has taken on various meanings in the different denominational ministries today.

The work of the Holy Spirit, working through men, has been an important topic from the times of the people in the Old Testament, who prophesied under the influence of the Holy Spirit, to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and up until this day.

In the very first Chapter of Luke's Gospel, the work of the Holy Spirit was made known to Zacharias by the announcement of the angel Gabriel concerning John the Baptist. Furthermore, the prophecy of John being filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb was fulfilled.

In this portion of Luke, the work of the Holy Spirit is put on full display with the manifestation through the Priest Zacharias in the company of his wife Elizabeth, his relatives, and neighbors.

The angel Gabriel told Zacharias, the Priest, that John would be filled with the Holy Spirit from birth.

Lk 1:15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

This prophecy was fulfilled in Luke 1:41 when Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Lk 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

When Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, she prophesied. What Elisabeth spoke to Mary could not have been made known to her except by the Holy Spirit that filled her, for she spoke immediately before Mary had an opportunity to say anything to her.

Lk 1:42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Lk 1:43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Lk 1:44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

Lk 1:45 And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Lk 1:57 Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son.

Lk 1:58 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shown great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

Cousin – 4773 συγγενής suggenes {soong-ghen-ace'}

Meaning: 1) of the same kin, akin to, related by blood 2) in a wider sense, of the same race, a fellow countryman

Usage: AV - kinsman 7, cousin 2, kinsfolk 2, kin 1; 12

When people today think of "cousin", they think of Webster's definition.

Definition of cousin

1a: a child of one's uncle or aunt

b: a relative descended from one's grandparent or more remote ancestor by two or more steps and in a different line

Mary was from the tribe of Judah.

Elisabeth was from the tribe of Levi.

John was a Levite.

Yeshua was a Judean/Jew.

A fulfillment of Gabriel's prophecy to Zacharias:

Lk 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Lk 1:14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

Lk 1:59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

The Covenant of Circumcision:

Ge 17:9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Ge 17:10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Ge 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

Ge 17:12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

Ge 17:13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

Ge 17:14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

The Covenant of Circumcision was commanded by YeHoVaH to Abraham when he was ninety-nine years old, and Ishmael was thirteen.

Ge 17:24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Ge 17:25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Ge 17:26 In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

Ge 17:27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

John was circumcised on the eighth day as revealed in this passage.

Lk 1:59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

Yeshua was circumcised on the eighth day.

Lk 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called YESHUA, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Paul was circumcised on the eighth day.

Phil 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Phil 3:4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

Phil 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

Phil 3:6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Timothy was a young man when he was circumcised.

Ac 16:3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

Elisabeth's neighbors and cousins insisted that the child's name be Zacharias, but she resisted. This caused them to ignore her request and look to the man who had not spoken in nine months to agree with them.

Lk 1:59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father.

Lk 1:60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John.

John was the name the angel Gabriel said he was to be named. Zacharias obviously had told Elisabeth, but the neighbors and cousins had not been informed.

Lk 1:61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

Lk 1:62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

Lk 1:63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

After John had not been able to speak for nine months, at that moment a miracle happened, and his tongue was loosed.

Lk 1:64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.

The Priest became the father of the greatest Prophet, born of a woman, according to Yeshua.

Lk 1:65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea.

Lk 1:66 And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost.

When Zacharias confirmed the name John, as Elisabeth had spoken, those in attendance marveled. At that moment, Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost and prophesied.

Lk 1:67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

Prophesied – 4395 προφητεύω propheteuo {prof-ate-yoo'-o}

Meaning: 1) to prophesy, to be a prophet, speak forth by divine inspirations, to predict 1a) to prophesy 1b) with the idea of foretelling future events pertaining esp. to the kingdom of God

1c) to utter forth, declare, a thing which can only be known by divine revelation

1d) to break forth under sudden impulse in lofty discourse or praise of the divine counsels 1d1)

under like prompting, to teach, refute, reprove, admonish, comfort others 1e) to act as a prophet, discharge the prophetic office

Usage: AV - prophesy 28; 28

Zacharias prophesied much of what had been spoken by other Prophets, things concerning Yeshua and John.

Redemption would come by Yeshua, the son of David, that was being carried at the time in Mary's womb. Most likely Mary was still with them at that time before returning home.

Lk 1:68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

Lk 1:69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

Lk 1:70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

Jer 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Jer 23:6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Lk 1:71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

Lk 1:72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

Lk 1:73 The oath which he swore to our father Abraham,

Ge 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Ge 22:15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

Ge 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

Ge 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Ge 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Lk 1:74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

Lk 1:75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Zacharias prophesied to the infant child on the eighth day of his life.

Lk 1:76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

Lk 1:77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

Lk 1:78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

Lk 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Lk 1:80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel.