

## POURED IN/POURED OUT

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**Key Thought:** What Is the Process and Purpose of God's Outpouring upon the Church?

We are hearing quite a bit today about a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church of God. I encourage people to seek after anything that God is doing to and for His Church. At the same time, I've come to realize that not everything that is noted to be from God - is really from Him.

When it comes to something as special as the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, we need to understand not only the **process** but also the **purpose** of it. If we do not find a Scriptural basis for what we believe, we are walking in dangerous pathways.

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**II. POURED INTO US (Isaiah 44:3)**

**III. POURED OUT FOR OTHERS (II Timothy 4:6)**

We can all find plenty of opportunities to give out to others in need.

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**Joe:** "A panhandler came up to me the other day and said he hadn't had a bite in over two weeks."

**Moe:** "Poor fellow. What did you do?"

**Joe:** "Bit him, of course."

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Bob Phillips  
'The World's Greatest Collection of Clean Jokes'  
P.89

## I. POURED OUT FROM GOD (Titus 3:4-7)

**This pouring out is essentially a two-stage process.** It must always begin with God. His supply is never ending.

*“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,  
5. He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
6. Whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
7. So that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”*

*Titus 3:4-7*

**The pouring of God upon those who are willing to receive Him is a life-changing experience.** It is not that we search for God. Rather, it is that He finds us. This was never an afterthought with God. He planned to pour Himself into our lives even before He created the world. The fulfilment of His part of the process took place on a rugged hill called Golgotha or Calvary.

*“This is my blood of the (new) covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”*

*Matthew 26:28  
cf. Luke 22:20*

So many changes begin to take place the moment we surrender our will to God’s loving and caring will. It is by faith that we start a new manner of walking. It doesn’t take long to sense the grace of God being freely poured out upon our lives. **It doesn’t mean that we will never have any more problems. God uses these difficulties as opportunities to pour more of Himself into our place of greatest need.**

*“Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;  
4. perseverance, character; and character, hope.  
5. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”*

*Romans 5:3-5*

## I. POURED OUT FROM GOD (Titus 3:4-7) (Contd.)

“A Christian is like a tea bag – not much good until it has gone through hot water.”

Michael Green  
Illustrations for Biblical Preaching  
#1342, p. 363

## II. POURED INTO US (Isaiah 44:3)

The second part of the process is that God pours Himself into us. He has always had a destination for His outpouring. There was a time in history when He had a specific nation to work through. We see Him clearly pouring out a blessing to those who were from the house of Israel. Its descendants were given the privilege as well as the responsibility to be called God’s chosen people - the apple of His eye.

*“I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD.”*

Ezekiel 39:29

*“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams upon dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendant.”*

Isaiah 44:3

In addition to His special blessing for the nation of Israel, He chose also to be poured out upon anyone who acknowledged Him as the LORD of their life.

*“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.  
29. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”*

Joel 2:28

It is clear that **ALL PEOPLE; SONS & DAUGHTERS; SERVANTS; MEN AND WOMEN** would be included in this outpouring of the Spirit of God. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter stood before the crowd and acknowledged that the prophecy of Joel had been fulfilled. In Acts 8 we find the Samaritans were prayed for and received the Holy Spirit.

## II. POURED INTO US (Isaiah 44:3) (Contd.)

In Acts 9 we find the Jewish zealot Saul, receiving the Holy Spirit. In Acts 10 we are taken to the house of Cornelius (the Roman centurion) along with all his household, friends and relatives (Acts 10:24) who were filled with the Holy Spirit.

**God not only wants to pour Himself out with blessings of hope, grace, mercy and peace, etc. He also is looking for those who will become A VESSEL TO BE FILLED.** Not everyone will allow the Lord to do His will in and through their lives.

\*\*\* “Moody speaks as if he had a monopoly on the Holy Spirit,” said one critic of him. “Moody has no monopoly on the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit has a monopoly on Moody,” answered the admirer of Moody.

“When we are filled with the Spirit, we do not have more of the Spirit, but the Spirit has all of us.” \*\*\*

Walter B. Knight  
Knights Treasury of Illustrations  
White Book; p. 160

What God chooses, He cleanses.  
What God cleanses, He molds.  
What God molds, He fills.  
What God fills, He uses.

J. S. Baxter/Michael Green  
“Illustrations for Biblical Preaching”  
#662, p. 190

## III. POURED OUT FOR OTHERS (II Timothy 4:6)

Jesus came as our example. He choose to give His life for the sake of others even to the point of a cruel, unjustified death. Psalm 22 is what is known as a Messianic Psalm. It speaks of the suffering Messiah. **If Jesus, the Son of God, came to be poured out like an offering for the world, why should we not be willing to do the same.**

“I am poured out like water, all my bones are out of joint.  
My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.”

Psalm 22:14

### III. POURED OUT FOR OTHERS (II Timothy 4:6)(Contd.)

The apostle Paul patterned his life after that of Jesus. He seldom looked to be blessed by God. Instead, he chose to become a blessing to others even though it brought much pain and eventually even his death.

*“But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.”*

*Philippians 2:17*

*“Even if I am executed here and now, I’ll rejoice in being an element in the offering of your faith that you make on Christ’s altar, a part of rejoicing.”*

*Philippians 2:17  
The Message*

At the closing days of Paul’s life, just before he was martyred, he wrote these words to his son in the faith, Timothy.

*“For I am already poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure.”*

*II Timothy 4:6*

“The world measures a man’s greatness by the number who serve him. Heaven’s yardstick measures a man by the number who are served by him.”

[Rev. Herschel H. Hobbs, D.D.](#)

#### 5177 Whither Goest Thou?

\*\*\* During the first persecution of Christians by Emperor Nero, Christians begged Peter not to expose his life which was considered necessary to the well-being of the church. Finally, Peter consented to depart from Rome, but as he fled along the Appian Way, about two miles from the gates, he was met by a vision of the Savior traveling toward the city.

Struck with amazement, he exclaimed, “*Lord, whither goest thou?*” The Savior, looking upon him with mild sadness, replied, “*I go to Rome to be crucified a second time,*” and vanished. Peter immediately turned back and reentered the city.

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### **III. POURED OUT FOR OTHERS (II Timothy 4:6)(Contd.)**

Tradition teaches that Peter returned to Rome and was crucified. He felt he was not worthy to be crucified like his Lord and chose to be crucified upside down.

The time is right for God's people to receive the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God is being poured out so we can be poured into in order for Him to once again be poured out of our lives into the lives of those that God brings us into contact with.

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