

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

47 *“I want to be filled with the Holy Spirit.”*

After I surrendered my will and began to follow Jesus, I read a number of accounts about the Holy Spirit experiences of people who had been greatly used by God. I found that Oswald Chambers’ tombstone referred to Luke 11:3: *“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”* (Luke 11:3) (Emphasis added)

I heard it was often a very emotional encounter as well as a turning point in life. I began to talk with God and asked in essence, “If the Holy Spirit is to be involved in my life, I want to have it. **I want to be filled with the Holy Spirit.**”

My own experience was much the same. I was driving alone on the Kansas Turnpike going to a labor relations session. I had been praying when suddenly and without warning, I was overpowered with emotion. I pulled off the highway and wept and poured myself out to God. I cannot explain it. I do not know if it is to happen to everyone, but I do know it changed me forever.

It was the beginning of a deeper life as I began to know Holy Spirit as a Person. He has guided and encouraged me for over forty years. Sometimes it has been a word, an incident or simply a sense of peace that I am moving in His will. I wish I could be more definite, but it wasn’t clear until it happened.

And it didn’t happen until I asked!

From Grandpa With Love

A Note From the Writer

Moving into my nineties caused me to reminisce. It was eye-opening to realize how much I had been changed by one-liners. I decided some of these might give others a new insight or a chuckle, so—enjoy! You can reproduce this material, provided the copies are complete, including this copyright note, and circulated free of charge. © 2017 Marvin J. Martin