Liar. And his own conscience knows better than that. God says all men are sinners.

eradicationism, no no. And some of those who have eradication take place, they still have some of the old bad tempers and all. They say oh no that’s not a sin that’s just a shortcoming. Oh boy it hasn’t fallen short of sin, it’s gone the whole way. Let’s call, let’s call bitter bitter and sweet sweet and the like. Isaiah 5 in Isaiah’s day they would call him bitter sweet and sweet bitter and so on. They don’t realize what aspersions these views cast on the work of grace. God still, somebody has here pobody is nerfect. Nobody is perfect. No. be patient with me. Gods not through with me yet. He’s not through with anybody yet. No. So first of all the claim. Now know what they claim. They haven’t claimed for the baptism of the holy spirit. Now what is the character of the baptism of the spirit? You say please let me know by way of regime what baptism of the spirit is so I can know it when I see it. Alright that’s fair. First of all the baptism of the spirit is not the filling of the spirit. It’s not to be confused with it. You say well it doesn’t make any difference. Well if it doesn’t make any difference to you that’s a serious thing. That’s important and vital to our Christian faith. Don’t say that. The terms are not interchangeable and they should not be so used. Well then tell me what’s the difference? Baptism is once for all. It happened at regeneration. How many times do we have to be regenerated? Once. How many times do we need to be baptized into the Holy Spirit? Into the body of Christ by the spirit? Once. The filling is a continuous process. 1 Corinthians 12:13 tells us for we both by one spirit have been baptized into the body of Christ. It’s a pivotal passage. You can’t get away from it. When you get such a signal word, clear, unmistakable. Beloved, lets hold to it. We say we love the
bible. Then let the bible say what it wants to say. Even if it condemns us in our view. Let god be true, and all men liars. Filling. Oh my, let’s start now. Just just for I’m not going to give you all of them, acts 2:4. Look here. Acts the second chapter and the 4th verse. What are we reading?

And they were all, A L L, filled with the Holy Spirit. Didn’t say baptized, as in 1 Corinthians 12. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance. Filled with the Holy Spirit. There it is. That’s acts 2:4. What you say that’s going to take him a lifetime. Really? Alright let’s look at chapter 4 in acts. Verse 8, was peter there in acts 2? You may well believe it my dear friend. Look at acts 4:8. Don’t tell me that it has him mentioned, yes. Then peter filled with the Holy Spirit, what’s the matter. What’s the matter?

He had to be baptized into the body of Christ. No it didn’t say baptized. Peter filled with the Holy Spirit said unto them you rulers of the people and elders of Israel and I tell you he talked to them with all directness and forthrightness. Wasn’t afraid at all. And look at the 31st verse. 31st verse. And when they had prayed, the place was, these are believers, where they were assembled together and they were all, A L L, not just some super super duper saints. All filled with the spirit and they spoke the word of god with boldness. Let’s let the word of god say what it does.

Brother you better, you and I better just start playing around with a live wire, as to start changing the word of god. Let’s say we have respect for the word and let’s act like it. You say you’re really you’re really un earnest about it. I should say so, just like all other parts of the word. I’ve seen the havoc that error in this area has done. Look at the 9th chapter of acts and the 17th verse. Verse 17 of acts 9. and Ananias went his way and entered into the house and putting his hands oh him said brother saw the lord even Jesus that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest has sent me that thou mightiest receive thy sight and be baptized, no sir, and be filled with the holy spirit because Paul was already saved. Here is the truth of the bible only those who were saved
who had been baptized by the spirit can have repeated fillings of the spirit. What’s the use of the Holy Spirit filling somebody who is dead in trespasses of sins? And baptism of the spirit comes at the time of regeneration. Yes. So here you have it. And we could go to the 13th chapter of acts. Wonderful chapter on how Paul sent out. This is the beginning of the modern missionary movement. Acts 13:9, then Saul who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, set his eyes on him. That was elimas [sp?] the sorcerer who was filled with the devil and tried to oppose him. Why is baptism once for all and the filling a continuous process? For this reason, beloved, baptism has to do with standing. Filling has to do with state or condition. When you stood up before a minister and before god and said I do take him or take her, that changed your standing. You’re no longer single before god, you’re married. The two become one flesh. That is what? Standing. Now, whether every day you have a state of feeling married that means that you have to truly love your wife and truly consider her as in Ephesians 5. Your state can be quite different, too many men, too many wives also treat their mate as though they didn’t know that they were married to them. They sometimes tell me oh we were we were friends before we were married. Some people say that just saying you know. Did you know each other before you were married very long? Oh we were friends. Well I said that’s a thing that should carry on, it helps. It really helps. Wonderful to be a friend afterword’s too. Baptism is not experiential. When you were born physically into this world, did you know how it felt? You know one of the really the silliest things in the world is when somebody has a birthday to you know to pat them on the back. That’s all wrong. The one should, who should get the credit is the mother. It’s the mother. All you did was be born. She was the one the bore you. What do I mean by this? You don’t know what experience it was. Your mother did. And dad too, he probably had to be scraped off the ceiling. He was so thrilled. Baptism is not experiential. It’s not an experience. Filling is. First last and
always. And it doesn’t mean a feeling of fake excitement or rolling on the floor or foaming at the mouth and all that. No no no, you may just be sick if you do that. Yes. You know I’m so happy about these handicapped folk that are coming, Ms. Dorothy Clark. She’s a terrific lady. She and two other ladies in the church where our daughter is with our daughter have written 2 books on getting the gospel to handicapped ones. It’s a great ministry. If you can come to that you really ought to. Now, baptism doesn’t affect the senses. You don’t feel it, you don’t touch it, you don’t see it, you don’t hear it. It’s not felt. But filling, oh that’s a definite experience. It influences the life and service they had great joy, they had great power. With great joy and power, they gave witness concerning the spirit. And do you know filling of the spirit is so important for fruiting character. Love joy peace that doesn’t come on just any kind of a tree. It’s got to be the filling of the spirit. If there’s a lot of [inaudible] look at these beautiful plants out here. I tell you they have to nurture them they have to weed them, they have to water them, they have to do all those things. Weeds don’t even need to be invited they come on their own. Yes. But oh there’s fruit, where there’s the filling of the spirit. And power. You shall receive power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you. Now don’t tell me they didn’t have the Holy Spirit before. Oh yes. They were saved. But you’re going to have him in a new way. And you can be filled with the spirit. There’s no command in the scripture to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Look it up. Look it up please don’t take my word for it. See if in the whole of the New Testament if there’s a word about being baptized with the Holy Spirit by way of a command. Be ye baptized with the Holy Spirit. No. there is a command for us to be filled and it is in the present tense. Keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit. That in itself shows its repetition. It is to be repeated, and the more the better. Yes. Keep on being filled. Baptism with the spirit is universal. Nobody that is saved is without the baptism of the spirit. That puts you in the body of Christ. Filling is not universal what to god it
were. Even carnal Christians 1 Corinthians 3 carnal Christians, those that live in the flesh are baptized. The very ones he says in 1 Corinthians 3, you are carnal not spiritual. He says, we are baptized by one spirit into the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:13 the same epistle since they were called carnal that’s proof that they were not filled with the spirit. Baptism isn’t subject to change or fluctuation. Once you’re a citizen you’re always a citizen. But if you want to be a happy citizen of a certain country, this country or any other. Be law abiding, be god fearing, be tax paying. Be prayerful for your leaders and all. See, baptism isn’t subject to change or fluctuation even more than citizenship is. Filling is fluctuating. Yes. If you meet the conditions, not grieving the spirit, not quenching the spirit, walking in the spirit. You fill the conditions, yes. That is subject to change. I don’t know, I’ve met some marvelous saints of god but I know they wouldn’t say that they were always and ever and uninterruptedly filled with the spirit. But that’s what god wants us to be as often as possible. As often as we will allow our hearts to be so inclined. Baptism concerns salvation, filling concerns fruited service and rewards. Baptism is received on the basis of faith in Christ. Filling comes after sin is forsaken. Yieldedness is given to god and reliant on the Holy Spirit. My, you can look at books that many preachers use. And they have a right to. We tell them to. Because there are many many incidents and illustrations that are good. Now here’s one, and it’s just full of errors. Confusion. Charles alexander said there was once a meeting. It wasn’t that he believed in this but he witnessed this. He said there was once a meeting of intense power going on down in Tennessee. And one of the kind of disciples who blow hot and then blow cold or revived at every annual revival meeting. They backslide in the meantime. And he was praying in the assembly with a great deal of emotion. There was a dear old lady there who knew him plenty well. She knew his character. She’d seen him in his many backslidings. And so when he finally burst forth in the prayer that he always
prayed for the fullness of the Holy Spirit to be given to him. He said lord fill me with thy holy spirit. She said don’t do it lord, he leaks. My dear friends that incident is just full of unscriptural concepts. [Inaudible] don’t you ever preach on the filling of the spirit with that illustration. Throw it out, that’s just what I’m doing. Now what’s the result? What is the result or what are the results of the confusion. Some may say well brother why do you get so upset about it. What’s the difference in all this? Just [inaudible] my use of terms. Beloved if you say that about this, and this, and this in the bible, after a while you’re going to run out of material. Yes. Like a lot of folk in order to be pleasing to god they say they turn over a new leaf every New Year. What happens when they get at the end of the book and there are no more leaves to turn over? It’s not just [inaudible] about terms. It’s not as harmless as that and you will never be an accurate teacher or student of the word of god and treat important biblical truths lightly. First of all it breeds divisions and misunderstandings among believers. Pride promoted by those who think that they have sought was baptism and have it while others do not. There’s a place in southern California where the church grew so, in one of the beach cities. I’ve been there and preached and they couldn’t get enough chairs in the isle. And then the pastor began listening to certain groups. You have to have this extra experience. You have to do this, you have to do that. You do down there now and that small room it’s just as if a prairie fire went through it. I preached there early in this year and it just broke my heart. It just broke my heart. What ravage had come. Pride and some that say they have the baptism of the spirit in that sense. We all have it. Why they look down on the preacher he’s not very much, he doesn’t even have what I have. Oh disruptions in churches. Secondly it beclouds the gospel of grace. Makes the baptism depend on a believer’s attitude or works when it’s the gift of the spirit to all believers at the moment of belief in Christ. And thirdly it robs the believer of his assurance of his secure position
in Christ that can never be altered. And you takes those people that are like yo yos in their experience. Well maybe I have the baptism maybe I don’t. And if I don’t have it I’m not saved and this that and the other and so forth and so on. Oh my dear friends. They’re often driven to doubting their salvation or that they possess the Holy Spirit at all. That’s in direct contradiction of the word of god. If you trusted Christ, you don’t have to ask for the Holy Spirit. Folk are so new, so new. They don’t know all the things. You say well I don’t know whether a child should be told so and so. I believe the way spurgeon did. You never dare discount a child as to the age when it can trust. Oh they may not have the way. Now our oldest son recently, his boy, his son. He had two daughters and then a son. Said he wanted Jesus to come into his heart. And they thought well he was just saying it. Oh if that’s so, this lord’s day they went over to the two arches and had breakfast. And then they came back and he says oh daddy, he says I want to take Jesus into my heart. But when they said do you know what that means? Yes, it means believing in Jesus, but before that he said if Jesus comes into my heart will he go down my throat? That’s what he’s thinking. But you know you and I didn’t have very much theology when we first were saved, and we don’t have it all yet. My, isn’t that going to be a tremendous opening of our hearts and minds. When we shall know even as we are known. 1 Corinthians 13. The last verse, verse 12. Fourthly it leads the believer in the dark as to the way in which he can have power to serve god fruitfully and acceptably. Not by a baptism, but by a fillings. Let’s make clear beloved, the distinctions in the word if we want the blessing of god on our lives and witnessing. Now I might have a lot of opposition in some places if I were preaching like this. I tell you this work of god here has been built on doctrine lovingly presented. And you don’t beat them over the head with a club and say, you’re not worth the powder to blow you up. No don’t say that. Let’s be careful, let’s be loving. Let’s remember there are times when we didn’t know all the distinctions either.
Let’s make clear distinctions if we want the blessing of god on our lives. Paul tells all Christians, it’s a duty. There’s no option there. Keep on being filled with the spirit. The devil wants believers to think that such a blessing is not for everyone. It is for everybody. For all believers. It was regional Wallace who said the apostle commands the Ephesian Christians to be filled with the spirit. It’s a command as well as a privilege. This is not some special blessing that god has reserved for certain of his children only. God has no favorites. I’m so thankful he said there’s no such thing as a spiritual aristocracy. A number of believers for whom god reserves this peculiar blessing of this fullness of life. You know when we go around in churches. Sometimes we meet the greatest saints of god in the small churches. That’s a fact. And some so called big names are just small people. They really all. God’s norm is the highest for every one of his children. May we keep on being filled with the spirit? Our father, how we thank thee for thy precious word. May we hold it near and dear. May we make the proper distinctions. Lord by not even a syllable. Not even by a continent or vowel may we ever lead astray any of those young in the faith or even older in the faith. Lord lets have done with this matter of looking at experiences. Having thee and our lord Jesus and the indwelling spirit. Lord he’s given us untold experiences. We’ve been so full overflowing with joy in fellowship. And the beautiful fellowship we have here. Thank thee for bringing our brother [inaudible] back to us safely. Be with us; watch over the grounds as thou hast so many times before from every occurrence. And we pray for similar saints of thine, that are in conferences all around this country, even in the mission fields were its been introduced in camping and all. And may Christ be magnified, we pray in his precious name. Amen. The lord bless you, you’re dismissed. No afterglow tonight, but tomorrow night we will.