When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we receive the in-filling of the Holy Spirit.

> ▶ The Holy Spirit fills us for a purpose.

- We receive the **in-filling** so that there will be an **out-flowing**.

  The Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well is a good representation of many of us before we receive the Holy Spirit. We seek for many things in life, but they do not satisfy. There is a **deep spiritual thirst** within us that only God can fill.

John 4:14
"… whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him **a spring of water** welling up to eternal life."

- This is a picture of an inner well, a fountain to satisfy each individual's personal needs.

- But then this "well" overflows to become a "river" in order to serve the thirst of others:

John 7:38-39
"He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow **rivers of living water.**'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive.

- The first is the Water of Life within us that satisfies our personal needs, the second is the mighty River of Life flowing from God through us, carrying the refreshing life of God to others in need.

Examples of the "In-Filling"	Examples of the "Out-Flowing"
The Word of God becomes "alive".	A desire and willingness to serve others.
Experiencing the freedom of Salvation and God's forgiveness of sin.	We want to share with others the Good News of Salvation.
Receiving the Seven Gifts of the Spirit listed in Is 11:2 (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord).	Exercising the Charismatic Gifts or charisms, e.g. those listed in 1 Cor 12:8,9 (Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Prophecy, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Discernment, Tongues and Intepretation of Tongues).

When the Holy Spirit **enters into our lives**, we **enter into partnership** with God.

We receive the **in-filling** so that there would be an **out-flowing**

of the Life of God in and through us.