Be Filled With The Spirit
What Controls Your Life

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit"
~ Ephesians 5:18

1. What Fills You
   a. The eternal Holy Spirit is already in you, so what do you fill your life with?
   b. What fills you is what motivates you to action, what moves you, what controls you
   c. In the Bible people are filled with confusion, envy, unrighteousness, sorrow, greed, cursing, bitterness, indignation, and lies, and they are moved against God
   d. Are you filled with the pursuit of pleasure, power, entertainment, money, esteem?
   e. All are filled with self, until salvation - now there is the Spirit - Gal 5:17

2. To Be or Not to Be
   a. Bezaleel, Ezekiel, Peter, Paul, Pentecostal believers were all filled with the Holy Ghost
   b. The 'filling' of the Spirit is corrupted by thinking Acts 2:4 is about you
   c. Eze 36:27 - Pentecost was a time of prophetic fulfillment
   e. They had an unction and an anointing baptized with the Spirit - 1 John 2:20, 27
   f. You have the Spirit (1 Cor 3:16, 6:19-20), but Paul says “to be filled” as a command
   g. Eph 5:18 - Be not drunk with wine... but be filled with the Spirit
   h. Why is Spirit compared to being drunk? It is what fills and controls you

3. How to Be Filled
   a. God the Spirit speaks, works, and leads you according to the will of God from the Bible
   b. Eph 5:18 is preceded by Eph 5:17 - knowing the will of God
   c. Eph 5:18 is followed by steps how to be filled, compare to Col 3:16
   d. There is a choice and desire to esteem things in life, what do you esteem as much as food? Job 23:12, 1 Pet 2:2, Psa 119:103, Jer 15:16, Matt 4:4
   e. Filled ~def. - supplied in abundance, full, entire, complete, mature, well fed, abounding
   f. Reckoning true doctrine by faith works effectually in you - 1 Thess 2:13, Phm 6

4. What Fills You Comes Out of You
   a. Paul says he has learned to be content, and to abound, to be full - Phil 4:18
   b. Evil communications corrupt good manners - 1 Cor 15:33
   c. Knowledge of his will - Col 1:9
   d. Abound with thanksgiving - Col 2:7, 1 Thess 5:17
   e. Abound in walking and pleasing God - 1 Thess 4:1-2, 1 Cor 15:58
   f. Love - 1 Thess 3:12, Phil 1:9
   g. Filled with the fruits of righteousness - Phil 1:11
   h. Be fully persuaded - Rom 4:21, 14:5
   i. God's grace is sufficient, his Spirit can fill you, if you let him - Phil 4:19
   j. The result will be you are filled with joy in the Spirit - Acts 13:52, 2 Tim 1:4