

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
- d. Acts 2:44-49 - They lived in a way moved by the Spirit - Acts 4:30-35
- 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