**The Ghost in the Upper Room**

**Be Filled – The Spirit-Filled Life - Part 3**

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**Description**

If you are Spirit-filled it will impact every part of your life. Jesus commanded the first believers not to attempt anything without first being filled with Holy Spirit. People are full of so many things these days – what are you full of?

**Acts 2:4**

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**John 7:38**

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

**Main Text**

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand **what the will of the Lord is.** 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; **but be filled** with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Main Text (With Notes)**

**Ephesians 5:15-18**

15 See then that you walk (live) circumspectly (upright), not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand **what the will of the Lord is.**

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; (cheapens, ruin) **but be filled** with the Spirit,

**Ephesian 5:19-20**

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (relational intelligence), singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

# **The Book of Ephesians – Background**

* The letter was written to covenant people not the world
	+ Mega church – Timothy was considered the pastor
* The city of Ephesus was about 300K people
	+ Present day Turkey – diverse city
	+ Bridge to the Middle East - boom city, port city – trade and commerce occurred there
	+ Mysticism, Occult, witchcraft, curses
	+ Temples – Dianna (sexual, prostitution)
	+ Paul cast a demon out of girl within the business community – Acts 19.

Three key words in the book of Ephesians:

* Chapters 1-2 – **SIT –** Conveys the knowledge that we are seated at the right hand of the Father in Christ. It is a spiritual position of rest and peace.
* Chapters 3-4 – **WALK** – Communicates the awareness of our lifestyle behaviour and conduct. As believers, we are to walk in a manner that glorifies God and displays the culture of the Kingdom.
* Chapters 5-6 – **STAND** – Expresses our posture in faith and that we are ready and prepared to take a stand for what is good and right and honourable.

# **Main Points**

1. The Spirit-filled life is the only Christianity that the New Testament promotes

**Be filled – in the original Greek**

1. *It’s a command* – in grammar it is the mood of the verb
* **Present tense** – *Keep on being filled* – it is an on-going state
* **Passive voice** - *Keep being filled –* it implies that someone has to do it for you – God fills us with His Spirit
* **It is implied -** That if I am full of the Spirit, I must be empty of myself – this is called the law of displacement.

1. Every church in the New Testament was Spirit-filled
* The church was birthed in the Spirit on the day of Pentecost
* We must talk to the culture of the church – set the ethos – environment
* Quote – “*We have become a nation of many gods not of no God”.*

1. For example, in Acts 6 – the first deacons:
* They could not serve food unless they were filled with Holy Spirit
* Holy Ghost will give you the ministry – you will minster grace with excellence
* **Holy Spirit sets the standard(s)**
* Nothing good happens when you lower the standards
* We would rather reduce the standard and make it normal.

Quote: “*Who informs you, forms you” ~*Bishop Tony Miller

1. Be filled with wisdom - The Spirit-filled life fills us with wisdom

**Ephesians 5:15**

See then that you walk (live) circumspectly (upright), not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

* God has always chosen a people for His name out of the world. He began with Abraham and then Israel and eventually the believer in Christ to:
* Glorify His name
* Demonstrate the principles of the Kingdom
* Display a counterculture that is very different to the world’s system.

* To walk and behave the same as the world does means to be evil and unwise
* **Foolish** – irresponsible, childish, lacking maturity, discernment and discretion
* **“The days are evil”** (From Strong’s Concordance)
* Bad - of a bad nature or condition
* In a physical sense: diseased or blind
* In an ethical sense: evil wicked, bad.
* **Redeem** – “*To make wise and sacred use of every opportunity for doing good, so that zeal and well doing are as it were the purchase money by which we make the time our own”* (Strong’s Concordance)

The Spirits/Anointings of God

Isaiah 11:2

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

* There is one Spirit of God, He is the Holy Spirit; however, He is known by His anointing and expressions. Consider what the prophet Isaiah says about the Spirit of God:
* Seven anointings of the Spirit of God:
	+ The Spirit of wisdom
	+ The Spirit of understanding
	+ The Spirit of council
	+ The Spirit of might
	+ The Spirit of knowledge
	+ And the fear of the Lord.

Note – these anointings rest upon every believer as well.

1. **Be filled with the knowledge of the will of God**

**Ephesians 5:17**

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand **what the will of the Lord is.** 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; (cheapens, ruins your life) **but be filled** with the Spirit,

1. The idea of the universal plan, purpose and will of God that is outlined in Christ. In light of Him, we are to align our lives and bring it into the order and submission of Christ.
2. **Not only the individual will of God for ones life but the corporate will, consider:**
* The will of God is based on:

* + - 1. **Salvation** – By Holy Spirit
* We are born of the spirit this is the doorway
* Followers of Christ.
	+ - 1. **Victory** – An overcoming life
* We are overcomers
* We walk out our victory
* We overcome the world
* Our life is not the same.
	+ - 1. **Faith** – Trust and guidance by God’s Spirit
* Co-laborer’s with Christ
* Disciples of the Lord
* We are empowered
* We have assignment and purpose.

**Characteristics/Impacts of Alcohol**

I recognize that some people are bad and become a worse reflection of themselves when they are drunk – we call these people bad drunks. But others have some interesting comparisons when they are drunk that parallels the upper room:

1. Speaking – slurred speech
2. Lose capacity in yourself
3. Controlling substance – who has control over you
4. Personality and emotions more generous
5. Kills/removes the pain
6. “Dissipation” - The effect is temporary and can lead to bondage
7. Joy and singing.
8. **Be filled with worship and praise**
9. The Spirit-filled life is a worship filled life! It is an outflow of praise and thanks unto the Lord. It is expressed in song and making melody unto the Lord. We are literally commanded to sing over situations.

**Ephesians 5:19-20**

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs *(relational intelligence)*, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ…

1. Denotes the joyful worship of Christ
* Making music
* Making melody
* Singing to the Lord
* The giving of thanks
* Spiritual singing
* Ephesians 5:18-20
* Colossians 3:16
* 1Corinthians 14:15.
* ***God sent His Spirit into the church before He sent the church into the world***
* Do not attempt to preach the Gospel without the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Close**

# **Three Things That Are Necessary to Be Filled**

1. What is the will of God for my life? (Ephesians 5:16-17)
2. Be open to the will of God
3. Believe and receive Holy Spirit.

**Discussion & Questions**

1. Discuss Isaiah 11:2. How can this realistically be lived out in real life?
2. List 10 things that the world calls good that the Bible calls evil. How have we gotten so far off track?
3. Discuss the term of the knowledge of God’s will in a corporate setting. Use the three steps that have been identified in these notes to better describe God’s plan.
4. Why do you think we need to continually be filled with the Spirit of God? Why isn’t one event enough?
5. Describe three ways in which followers of Christ can actually be foolish.
6. Break down and discuss Ephesians 5:19 in detail. Define what it means to live a worship filled life.
7. Why is the Spirit-filled life the only Christianity that the New Testament communicates and promotes? Why has much of the church gone away from this original plan?