**The Ghost in the Upper Room**

**What Are You Full Of? The Spirit Filled Life - Part 1**

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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 by the Holy Spirit. People are full of so many things these days. What are you full of?

**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.

# **The Book of Ephesians – Background**

* Written to covenant people not the world
	+ Mega church – Timothy was considered the pastor
* Three key words in the book:
	+ Chapters 1-2 – **SIT**
	+ Chapters 3-4 – **WALK**
	+ Chapters 5-6 – **STAND**
* The city of Ephesus was about 300K people
	+ Present day Turkey – diverse city
	+ Bridge to the Middle East - Boom city, port city, trade
	+ Mysticism, Occult, witchcraft, curses
	+ Temples – Dianna (sexual, prostitution)
	+ Paul cast a demon out of a girl within the business community – Acts 19.

# **Main Points**

1. The Spirit filled life is “normal” Christianity

**Be filled – in the Greek**

1. *It is a command* – mood of the verb
2. *Present tense*
3. Passive voice - *Keep being filled -*– someone must do it for it for you – God fills us with His Spirit
4. It is implied…that if I am full of the Spirit, I must be empty of myself.
5. Every church in the New Testament was Spirit filled
6. The church was birthed in the Spirit
7. We must talk to the culture of the church – set the ethos – environment
8. We have become a nation of many gods not of no gods

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.
1. The will of the Lord is for you to be Spirit Filled

# **Steps**

* **Saved**
* We are born of the Spirit - this is the doorway
* Followers of Christ.
* **Victory**
* We are over-comers
* We walk out our victory
* We overcome the world
* Our life is not the same.
* **Faith**
* Co-laborer’s with Christ
* Disciples of the Lord
* We are empowered
* We have assignment and purpose.
* 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.

**Characteristics/Impacts of Alcohol**

We recognize that some people are bad when they are drunk but:

1. Speaking – slurs 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
7. Joy and singing.

**Luke 24:44-49**

44 Then he said, "Everything I told you while I was with you comes to this: All the things written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, and in the Psalms have to be fulfilled."

45 He went on to open their understanding of the Word of God, showing them how to read their Bibles this way. 46 He said, "You can see now how it is written that the Messiah suffers, rises from the dead on the third day, 47 and then a total life-change through the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in his name to all nations—starting from here, from Jerusalem! 48 You're the first to hear and see it. You're the witnesses. 49 What comes next is very important: I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you're equipped with power from on high."

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# **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
	1. Acts 19 – Have you been filled?