

# Be Not Drunk with Wine

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Ephesians 5:18.

B. The filling of the Spirit is crucial for the Christian life.

C. Christians hit road blocks and must counter them with fuel. Being filled with the Spirit is fuel. The final element of the wise walk is to be filled with the Spirit.

## II. The contrast: be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit.

A. Alcoholism is a problem today. The world is a drunken world.

B. The Spirit should be one's resource for joy. God wants us to find joy but to find it in the right place. (Matthew 5, 1 John 1:4)

C. Drunkenness is always associated with terrible things.

D. The church ought to be filled with ex-drunkards not present drunkards. (1 Corinthians 5)

E. Drunkenness was associated with pagan religions. If you really want to commune with God, be filled with the Spirit.

F. Communion was the highest act of worship in the church, but the Corinthians were engaging in it with drunkenness.

## III. The command.

### Application Questions:

1. Why is the contrast between drunkenness and being filled with the Spirit important in the religious context of Paul's day?

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2. What are some other spiritually unhealthy sources of joy?

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3. What does it look like to seek the Spirit's filling in your life?

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