

## **Be Filled with the Spirit, Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: Ephesians 6.

B. We are to be filled by the Spirit moment by moment—this is where victory comes from. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

### II. The contrast: do not be drunk with wine.

### III. The command: be filled with the Spirit.

A. To be filled we are to walk in the Spirit one step at a time. (Galatians 5:16)

B. The Spirit and the flesh are at war with each other.

C. There is no law against the fruit of the Spirit—to have joy in life we walk in the Spirit.

D. God wants us to be controlled by him and not by us.

### IV. The consequences.

A. Singing. This is personal.

1. Singing is the expression of the emotion of the soul.

2. An inside joy is released from walking in the Spirit.

3. This means that believers are expected to be different. (Colossians 3:16; James 5:13)

4. This is a new song of redemption. God loves music that reflects this song. (Psalm 33:1; 96:1; 98:1-2; 144:9; 149; Revelation 5:9; Exodus 15; Judges 5; 2 Chronicles 29; Exodus 15:20-21; 1 Samuel 10:5; 1 Chronicles 13:8; 16:4-5; 23:5; Nehemiah 12; Psalm 68; 1 Corinthians 14; Revelation 14)

5. When people are to come together they are to speak among themselves to God. (Ephesians 5)

a. We do not find such a thing as evangelistic music.

b. Music is primarily the expression of spiritual adoration.

6. Singing comes from the Spirit-filled life. God does not want to hear our music until the heart is right. (Psalm 137:1, Amos 5:21)

7. Certain types of music are connected with evil things. God is not the author of confusion but of peace.

B. Saying thanks. This is toward God.

C. Submitting. This has to do with others.

**Application Questions:**

1. How can one be filled with the Spirit?

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2. In what ways does being filled with the Spirit heal all our relationships?

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3. Are certain types of music inherently evil? Explain.

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