

## **Be Filled with the Spirit, Part 3**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Ephesians 5:18-21.
- B. The promises Jesus found fulfillment in the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- C. The Spirit has been with the disciples but would be in them, Jesus promised. (John 14-17)
- D. Jesus wanted believers to have love, joy and peace. This comes through the indwelling presence of the Spirit of God. The Spirit is the channel by which the promises of Jesus come to the believer. (Galatians 5, John 16:14)
- E. The promises can only be obtained by being filled by the Spirit. (Ephesians 5)

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

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

### IV. Consequences:

- A. Within yourself: singing.
  - 1. This is the personal element.
  - 2. One experiences joy when he is filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18, Colossians 3:16, James 5:13)
  - 3. We sing among ourselves. Music was not intended to be an evangelistic tool.
  - 4. The source of the singing is from the heart. The heart is the issue with God. (Amos 6; 8:3; Revelation 18:21-22; Ezekiel 28:16)
  - 5. The song is sung to the Lord. (2 Chronicles 5, 1 Samuel 16:23)
  - 6. Spirit-filled people make noise. All kinds of sounds can glorify God. (Revelation 4:1)
  - 7. Some ways we praise God are through psalms that highlight the nature and work of God, hymns, which are songs of praise, and spiritual songs. (Hebrews 2:12)
- B. Toward God: saying thanks.
- C. Toward believers: submitting.
- D. Toward unbelievers: serving.

**Application Questions:**

1. Which consequence of a Spirit-filled life do you find most lacking in your own?

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2. How does one go about being filled with the Spirit?

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3. What are songs that edify you the most by drawing you to praise God's character and nature?

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