

EPHESIANS

5:18-20

WHO'S CONTROLLING YOU?

Who's Controlling You? (Ephesians 5:18-20)

Ephesians 5:15-17

Don't be foolish BUT Be wise.

Ephesians 5:18-20

Don't be drunk with alcohol BUT Be filled with the Spirit.

Why? Because it can _____ every part of your life.

The Don't-be's

"Foolishness":

"Dissipation/debauchery":

The progressive consequences are _____.

The Do-be's

"Wisdom"

"Spirit filling"

1. The progressive consequences are _____.

- Being filled with the Spirit is a _____.
- Being filled with the Spirit is for _____.

2. "Filling" means ... being _____ by or _____.

3. The Spirit fills us to _____ from the inside.

So, what is controlling you?

More about The Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is a _____, not a _____.
- There is a lot of _____ about the Holy Spirit.

So, how do I get filled with the Spirit?

- You've got to _____.
- You've got to choose to _____.

'Spiritual Sailing'

John 3:8: The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes.

So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

1. Untie the sails: _____.
2. Raise the sails: "Spirit, I'm _____ for you to lead me."

Why did Jesus want us to have the Spirit?

1. So we will experience the _____ of the Spirit. (Acts 1:8)
2. So we will _____ at God. (Eph 5:18-20)

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FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor Jeff's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. Many of us have been part of a variety of churches over our lifetimes. Share with the group what you sensed was the attitude that those churches carried toward the person of the Holy Spirit? Why do you think that was?

How does that compare to what you sense the general attitude at NCFE is toward the Holy Spirit?

2. Describe what "dissipation/debauchery" means. What does it have to do with both being "drunk with wine" and being "filled with the Spirit"?

3. From the way Pastor Jeff described the filling of the Spirit, do you think he sees it more as an "event" or a "condition"? Why do you think he would say that?

What have you usually heard or understood it described as, an event or a condition? What Bible passages affirm or bring into question that understanding?

4. As a group, practice doing "Spiritual Sailing" such as was described in the message..

5. What does the Bible say the evidence is that one is truly "filled with the Spirit"? Hint: Acts 1:8 and Ephesians 5:19-20.