

Because Of The Cross: Be filled with the Holy Spirit! What Does This Look Like?

Ephesians 5:15-21

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¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Please, review online the sermon from June 9, 2024. I ask this not because I preached that sermon. But I ask this because your knowing instruction from God's Word, for success in living as a child of God, depends on it. So many believers struggle because they do not know the power of God Who lives inside of them in the Person of the Holy Spirit.

"Be filled with the Holy Spirit." This is a command with great promise. What does being filled with the Holy Spirit look like?

- **Put off the 'old way'**

Ephesians 4:22-23

²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

- **Put on the "new self"**

Ephesians 4:24

²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

- **Do not grieve the Holy Spirit**

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

- **Be filled with Spirit, avoid being fooled by counterfeit 'joy', happiness or fulness, whether carnal, chemical or 'commercial'**

Ephesians 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

- **Have redemptive relationships with the people around you.** Vs 19 *"speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit."*

- **In your heart, worship God.** Vs 19 *"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,"*

- **In your mind, develop an "attitude of gratitude" toward God.** Vs 20 *"always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

- **In your home, think highly of one another.**

JESUS FIRST

OTHERS SECOND

YOURSELF THIRD

Ephesians 5:21 *"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."*

- **In your marriage, respect, honor and love one another.**

Ephesians 5:22-33

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the

Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave

himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church – ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, **each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.**

- **Honor inside of a child will lead to outward obedience and will be blessed by God.**

Ephesians 6:1-3

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother” - which is the first commandment with a promise - ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”