

## BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

### Keep On Being Filled

I. **Keep on being filled-Eph5:1**-Be ye therefore followers (imitator) of God, as dear children; <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. <sup>3</sup> But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; <sup>4</sup> Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient (not proper): but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup> For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. <sup>6</sup> Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience (unbelief). <sup>7</sup> Be not ye therefore partakers with them. <sup>8</sup> For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: <sup>9</sup> (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) <sup>10</sup> Proving (showing) what is acceptable unto the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. <sup>12</sup> For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. <sup>14</sup> Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. <sup>15</sup> See then that ye walk circumspectly (cautious, watchful), not as fools, but as wise, <sup>16</sup> Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; <sup>19</sup> Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; <sup>20</sup> Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

A. Imitate God-Imitate a character on TV show or someone you spend time around and you begin to take on their mannerisms and phrases

1. What you behold, you get full of and it flows from you-2Cor3:16-And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

B. Fruit of the spirit or works of the flesh-Ga5:19-Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, **AND SUCH LIKE:** of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance

1. Ep5:2-4-Love is a fruit of the spirit or the result of yielding to and being full of the Spirit; Fornication, uncleanness, covetousness (idolatry-Col3:5), filthiness, foolish talking, jesting are works (product) of the flesh

C. Ep5:5-Being born again and living in the flesh and not repenting can cost you in this life and in the next-It can cost you reward and inheritance in the Kingdom of God (NOT your salvation) and it cost you in victory in this life-**Ga6:8**-He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

1. Ananias/Saphira-Lost reward, lost out in this life, went to Heaven

D. 15-Pay attention to how you live-To do this you must pay attention to what you're full of-**CJ**-Pay careful attention to how you conduct your life

E. Make the best use of your time-If I get full of the wrong stuff I'll sow to the flesh and waste my days-**ESV**-Making the best use of the time

- F. To live the right way, I must stay full of the right stuff-Being filled with the spirit is the key to they previous verses-**ISV,CJ**-Keep on being filled with the spirit; **RR**-Be ye being filled
1. You can be "spirit-filled" and not full of the spirit-**Ac19:1**-Came to Ephesus and finding certain disciples<sup>2</sup>...Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed...We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost<sup>5</sup>...they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.<sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands upon them the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied.<sup>7</sup>...about twelve
  2. We can be depleted of the spirit inside-The evidence is not bearing the fruit of the spirit-**2Co4:16**-Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed (new strength/vigor, freshness) day by day.