

## BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT Ephesians 5:18-21

### INTRODUCTION

- A. Problems to resolve
  - 1. What is the meaning of "excess" (KJV)?
  - 2. What is the meaning of "be filled"?
  - 3. Is this parallel to the filling of the Holy Spirit in Acts?
  - 4. Is this parallel to other Scriptures concerning the Spirit's ministry?
  - 5. What is the evidence of filling?
- B. How then can we be filled with the Holy Spirit?

### I. By \_\_\_\_\_ To The Spirit 5:18

- A. The comparison to wine/alcohol
  - 1. Excess or excesses?
  - 2. Alcohol leads to \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. the word used
    - b. other uses of this word
      - 1) 1 Peter 4:4
      - 2) Titus 1:6
      - 3) cf. Lk 15:13
- B. Drunkenness helps us to understand the meaning of "filled."
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. In drunkenness the old man, the natural man, responds and acts totally under the control of his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. Under the control of the Spirit the new man brings forth \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. By \_\_\_\_\_ In The Spirit

- A. This filling involves a \_\_\_\_\_ experience
  - 1. Greek present tense: \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. most basic Greek form for making a command is the aorist tense
    - b. Present imperative involves ongoing command cf. Mt 7:7
  - 2. Be filled \_\_\_\_\_
- B. This filling cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. No three-step plan
  - 2. Is passive voice: \_\_\_\_\_

C. This filling is similar to Galatians 5:16.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit = ongoing control
2. Like Eph 5:18 there are two paths here.

3. So why didn't Paul say "walk in the Spirit" in Eph 5:18?

4. This filling of the Spirit is different from the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit, for it depends on \_\_\_\_\_.

See 1 Cor 12:13; 6:19

D. This filling is similar to Colossians 3:16-17

1. Note the similarities

- a. similar contexts
- b. similar results

2. So Spirit control is in \_\_\_\_\_ with Word-of-God control.

a. If the Word of God does not \_\_\_\_\_ in our heart, then the fullness of the Spirit does not.

b. For who is the author of the Word of God? 2 Pet 1:21; Heb 4:7 with Heb 3:7

### III. By Producing \_\_\_\_\_.

A. What are the results of (the evidence of) Spirit control?

1. In Colossians 3:16-17 and Ephesians 5:19-21

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

2. In Acts

a. 2:4; 4:8, 31; 9:17; 13:9

b. Differences in Acts

1. the grammar
2. the results emphasized

c. Similarities in Acts

- 1.
- 2.