

Theme: Christians are called to be constantly filled with the Holy Spirit, living lives under His control.

## I. Intro: Baptism and Filling with the Spirit

- A. We have been looking at baptism in the Spirit
- B. In text, Paul speaks of being filled with/by Spirit
- C. Different from baptism in the Holy Spirit
- D. Bezalel, JTB, Elizabeth, Zechariah filled prior to Pentecost
- E. Is filling one time experience, or repeated?
- F. What happens when we are filled with the Spirit?

## II. The Command: Be Being Filled With Spirit

- A. Negative – don't get drunk - debauchery
  - 1. Prohibition on drunkenness, not wine
  - 2. Debauchery v18; wild (Tit 1:6); dissipation (1Pe 4:4)
  - 3. Being controlled by wine – changes behavior
- B. Positive – be being filled with Spirit
  - 1. Opposite of drunk on wine
  - 2. Filled by or with Spirit? – probably 'by'
  - 3. Spirit fills us with Christ's blessings
  - 4. Be being filled – present passive imperative
    - a. Imperative – a command to obey/disobey
    - b. Passive – done by God

- c. Present – many times - Acts 2:4; 4:8; 4:31; 13:52
- d. Don't repeatedly get drunk; repeatedly get filled
- 5. Filled – life under Spirit's control and guidance
  - a. Drunk – actions under influence of wine
  - b. Filled – actions under influence of Spirit

## III. The Results of Being Filled By the Spirit

- A. Really one sentence through v21 – participles
- B. Speaking to one another in songs (v19)
  - 1. Unusual – musical terms, but singing next
  - 2. Also note Col 3:16 – teach & admonish
- C. Singing to the Lord (v19)
  - 1. Singing to the Lord – vertical aspect
  - 2. Corporate worship in view (plural)
  - 3. Spirit prompts a desire to sing with church
- D. Giving thanks to God for all in name of Christ
  - 1. Spirit filled life is full of thanksgiving
  - 2. Thanks to God **for** all things – in Christ
  - 3. Spirit brings riches, makes us thankful
- E. Submitting to one another in fear of God
  - 1. V21 is **not** a new paragraph/sentence

2. Spirit prompts mutual submission
3. Undermines pride, brings unity
4. Living in the fear of the Lord

#### **IV. Applying the Word**

- A. Do we see that being filled is an ongoing process?
  1. Note how many people refilled in Acts
  2. Present tense – be being filled
  3. Do we lean on old experience w/ Spirit?
  4. Are we being filled now?
- B. Is our conduct being influenced by Spirit?
  1. Spirit filling transforms behavior
  2. Am I walking in Spirit – or flesh?
  3. Do I live wild dissipation – or Spirit controlled?
- C. Am I seeing results of Spirit's filling?
  1. This is what Spirit filled life consists of
  2. No results – not Spirit filled – regardless
  3. Communal life speaking Word to each other?
  4. Do I participate in singing to God?
  5. Am I thankful for Christ's blessings?
  6. Communal life of submission?

#### **D. Response – Spirit of the Living God**

##### **Filled With the Holy Spirit**

Ephesians 5:15-21

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Numbers 6

6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being **wild** and disobedient. Titus 1:6

4 They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of **dissipation**, and they heap abuse on you. 1 Peter 4:4

4 **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4

8 Then **Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! Acts 4:8

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly **as you teach and admonish one another** with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16