

## ***Be Filled With the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-21)***

- I. **Introduction**
  - A. War time songs
  - B. Review of context
  - C. Ephesians 5:18-21 read and outline of the sermon
  
- II. ***Be not drunk with wine ...*** (Eph 5:18)
  - A. Wine commended in Scripture (Ps 104:15, Jn 2:6-10)
  - B. Drunkenness is condemned in Scripture (Noah, Lot, Dan 5, 1 Cor 11:27-30, Prov 20:1, Gal 5:19-23, 1 Cor 5:11)
  - C. Some guideline concerning the Christian and drinking
    - 1. Is it necessary?
    - 2. Can it becoming habit forming? (1 Co 6:12, Hab 2:15-16))
    - 3. Will it offend other Christians? (1 Co 8:4,7-9, 11, Ro 14:15-21)
    - 4. Is it right? (Ro 14:23)
  
- III. ***But be filled with the Spirit...*** (Eph 5:18)
  - A. The reason Paul contrasts this to being drunk with wine
    - 1. The background of pagan worship (Dionysius)
    - 2. Some teach that the Spirit and wine have similar affects
    - 3. Some contrasts between drunkenness and Spirit-filling
  - B. Analysis of the command
    - 1. imperative – a non-optional duty
    - 2. plural – given to all; manifested corporately
    - 3. passive – not something we do for ourselves, yet we are involved
    - 4. present or continual – not a one time event
  - C. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
    - 1. *with* the Spirit or *by* the Spirit?
    - 2. It means being conformed into the image of Christ
  
- IV. **The marks or evidences of being filled with the Spirit** (Eph 5:19-21)
  - A. *Speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs*
  - B. *Singing*
    - 1. sing with understanding
    - 2. sing to be heard
  - C. *Making melody with your heart*
  - D. *Giving thanks always* (including in adversity)
  - E. *Submitting to one another*
    - 1. mutual servanthood?
    - 2. proper submission to authority?
    - 3. submission to *the church* as a whole
  
- V. **Conclusion: How are we filled with the Spirit**
  - A. Colossians 3:16-17
  - B. Once again – the Word, prayer, fellowship, the breaking of bread
  - C. A final call to be filled with the Spirit