

**HOLY SPIRIT – PERSON, PRESENCE AND POWER**  
**#2 – HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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

*Ephesians 5:18*

**I. Why Be Filled With The Holy Spirit?**

- **Guidance** (John 14:26) – We will be taught everything we need to know spiritually.
- **Peace and Joy** (Romans 14:17) – Only through the Holy Spirit can we have peace and joy in all circumstances.
- **Power for Ministry** (Acts 1:8) – When we evangelize and minister in spiritual power, we will see the amazing and miraculous.
- **Spiritual Fruit** (Galatians 5:22) – Our lives will supernaturally exhibit love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; even in the most difficult and stressful circumstances. We will be reflecting Jesus Christ in this world.

**II. Be Filled With The Spirit!**

- **Do not be drunk on \_\_\_\_\_** – Why do people get drunk? Escape from the world's problems and personal pain. Feels good for a limited time, be crazy for a while. Problem? It controls you for a while. Your logical and spiritual self is not in control. Also, it leads to debauchery which is personal excess of our sin appetites. We often say and do things that we greatly regret the next day. Besides, our problems are still there the next day, and we have often added to them. When we are drunk, we are unrestrained and irrational.
- **Instead be filled by the \_\_\_\_\_** – The Greek verb for “be filled” instructs in 4 ways:
  - 1) It is **imperative** – It is not a nice suggestion, mild recommendation, or polite piece of advice. It is a strong command from the Lord God. It is not optional, but obligatory.
  - 2) It is in **plural** form – Unlike the Old Testament where only a few of God's people were Spirit-filled, it is universal for all Christians.
  - 3) It is in the passive (voice) – We don't make it happen. God causes it in us. We simply yield to Him without reservation and receive in whatever way God chooses to fill us.
  - 4) It is in the present (tense) – Being filled is not a one-time dramatic or decisive experience, but must happen continually throughout our lives.
- **Drunkness is self under alcohol's control, being Spirit-filled is self under God's control** – All we have to do is recognize our desperate need and ask (beg) God for His Spirit's filling.

**III. Some Results of Being Filled With the Spirit**

- **One result may not be a dramatic \_\_\_\_\_ experience** – (A spiritual high) This can happen, but not always. The purpose of being filled in the Spirit is not a spiritual thrill, but spiritual transformation into Christ-likeness and spiritual power to do God's work.

- **One result:** \_\_\_\_\_ **to one another** – This is more than just talking to each other. It is relating to each other in spiritual fellowship. Broken communication and relationships is a sign that Christians are not Spirit-filled.
- **Speak to one another in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual** \_\_\_\_\_ – This is not singing, though our singing can “speak.” It refers to our communicating, relating, and fellowship will be as beautiful, and harmonious music to God and the world. Our speaking will be like “Psalms” – scripturally based, “hymns” – Christ glorifying, “and spiritual songs” – Spirit-directed saying the right thing at the right time in love and wisdom (see also Colossians 3:16-17).
- **Another result: Sing and make music in your** \_\_\_\_\_ **to the Lord** – The Spirit’s filling brings us close to God and we experience His glory, majesty and holiness. The result? Our heart sings in wonder, reverence, and joy. It’s music to God. Our outer worship is a spontaneous reflection of our inner “singing” to God.
- **Still another result: Thankfulness to God for** \_\_\_\_\_ **things** – We are even thankful for the things in our lives that are negative for the Spirit tells us God is in control and He is using even negative circumstances to bring eventual spiritual victory and blessing into our lives for His glory. If you’re a critic or a grumbler, you need to be filled with the Spirit.
- **Yet another result: Submit to one another** – To submit is to yield to the welfare, needs, or in the case of leaders, the authority of others. When we are spirit-filled, we do it easily and gladly, not grudgingly. We do this, not because we always think others deserve it; but our reverence for Christ (see Philippians 2:4)

*Are you showing the results of being filled in the Spirit?*

*Do you need to be filled with the Spirit?*

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<p><i>Answers: II. Wine; spirit. III. Emotional; speaking; songs; heart.</i></p>
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