

Five Consequences of a Spirit-Filled Life
Ephesians 5:14, 18-21

## 1. Do you see the important conjunction in v 18?

Ep 5:14, 18f ... Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. ...

<sup>16</sup> [1] look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise .... for the days are evil... <sup>18</sup> And [2] do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but [3] be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> [3<sup>1</sup>] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> [3<sup>2</sup>] giving thanks always and for everything ... in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> [3<sup>3</sup>] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- Is the issue for Paul the drink consumed or what the drink does to us? What if I "drink" something else? Am I OK?
- A. Debauchery- "a behavior which [leads to] an absence of control, or lack of thought about the consequences of an action ,... (Eph 5.18). ... 'what one does without being able to think about it' or 'what one does when the mind is absent." Greek/English lexicon Louw-Nida.
- B. Being out of control; controlled by a substance, an impulse, a desire; by the flesh however it is defined!



**Eph. 5:18-19** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery [*leads to recklessness*, *destruction*], ..., but *be filled* with the Spirit...

- 2. To be [more] filled with the HS isn't it more about who is in control of my life, rather than the "quantity" of God in me?
- A. Yield/surrender all areas of my life to the will of God.
  - 1. God and His Word direct me. He is in control of my life.
  - 2. My desires, indulgencies, are no longer controlling me, but the Holy Spirit is. *I am a child of 'light'*. *V 5:8*.
  - 3. I am seeking to know Christ thru His Word and worship.
- B. Walking in obedience, trusting His will to be better than my own will.
  - Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. (Eph. 5:17 ESV)

3. Paul commands us to continuously be "filled with the HS." He then gives us three separate ways that enable the HS to have more of me.

- 18 ... but be filled with the Spirit,
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- V 20 [3<sup>2</sup>] "Giving thanks always and for everything to God..."
  - A. Is it possible that we minimize, take for granted, or are just blind to what God puts into our hands?
    - Gen 43:23. ... the God of your father ... has given you treasure in your sacks..."
    - Deut 8:18 "You shall remember the Lord... for it is he who gives you the power to get wealth..."
    - 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
  - B. Even in suffering?



• **V**21. [3<sup>3</sup>] "submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ."

## A. As Christ submitted to the Father, so we are to submit to one another.

- As unto Christ.
- As if to Christ.

## B. What does it look like?

 Phi 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with *humility of mind* let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

## Call to Action:

- A. Is there anything in your life that is blocking the HS from having access to an area of your life? Will you surrender it today in prayer by an act of repentance?
- B. Take a moment to consider and identify what God has brought into your life. Your spouse? Your children or extended family? Your church? Your education, job, or skillset? Acknowledge what you have as literally coming from His hand. Do this on a daily basis by taking note of the favor of God in your life.

2. Is Paul comparing the HS to a "fluid" that we can have more or less of? *Or* – to a person (HS) who can have *more or less control of me*?

- A. Either/or. Rom. 8:9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. (ESV)
- B. Who is in control? Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. *And they recognized that they had been with Jesus*. (Acts 4:13 ESV)

- There is a process to being "filled with the Spirit" in v 18. A beginning moment – that continues or stalls out based on my next actions.
- 1. Eph 2:8, For by *grace* you have been saved through *faith* [faith is: trusting the work of Jesus as the means of my forgiveness of sins]; and that not of yourselves, *it is a gift from God*.
- 2. Acts 2:38-39 ..., "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you ... and for all who are far off,...
- 3. Being filled with the HS is expected to be a continuous event.