

Simple Church Series Part 8

Spirit-filled Life Ephesians 5:14-25, 6:7,11-12,19

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Ephesians 5:18-20

Personal Question: Are you being filled with the Spirit RIGHT NOW?

Reasons for Spirit Filling

1. Our Obedience *be filled with the Holy Spirit* Imperative mood, Present tense, Plural, Passive

Don't be drunk with wine **Which sin is greater drunkenness or not filled with the HS?** James 4:17

2. Our Obligation *spirit is willing but the flesh is weak* Matthew 26:41

>**Worship life** (19,20) *making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God*

>**Wedded life** (22,25) *For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord.*

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church.

>**Work life** (6:7) *Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.*

>**War life** (6:11,12) *Put on all of God's armor...For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies,*

>**Witness life** (6:19) *..boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles
For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Tim. 1:7*

3. Our Opportunity (5:14-17) ... it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in **these evil days.** ¹⁷Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

Key to all this Godly living is to be **SPIRIT FILLED!** We are not this way naturally!

Requirements for Spirit Filling I Corinthians 6:19-20

1. Complete Commitment You must Give God the Key to **EVERY** Room and Closet!

2. Continual Control Are You Under the Influence?

3. Conscious Claiming It is by **FAITH** based on **FACTS** and not **FEELINGS!**

Results of Spirit Filling

Three Relationships Affected!

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>Relationship to God A Spirit of **Adoration** ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

>Relationship to Circumstances A Spirit of **Appreciation** ²⁰And give thanks for everything

>Relationship to Others A Spirit of **Accommodation** ²¹submitting to one another
Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

What if everyone in our church would be continually praising God in their hearts and say thank you
in the bad times as well as the good and loving each other by encouraging and serving each other?

Well, that might be Heaven on Earth? Gee, maybe that's what He has wanted all along!