

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 5:18

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TITLE:

“Living the Spirit Filled Life” - Part 2

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SUB-TITLE:

“The Growing Up” of a Healthy Church

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Introduction: The Reading of the Text

vv. 18

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

Again...

2 Timothy 3:1-5a

know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholiness, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power.

The power is the power of the person of the Holy Spirit

In the very opening message of the gospel, the good news, is the introduction to the person and work of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist himself stressed the importance and need for God's people to be "Baptized" by Jesus with Holy Spirit

Mark 1:8

for I indeed have baptized you with water:
but he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

In Our Previous Studies

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“Things that Make us Fall“

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5.) We Need No Longer Walking as Fools vv. 15-17

Beginning with verse 18 Paul is calling us to preface our lives, having the Holy Spirit filling us on a continuous bases...

If God gave the Great TEN Commandments to Show man, his need of Holiness and Righteousness

then we can also believe that He has given us an
ELEVENTH Commandment

Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation;
but be filled with the Spirit,

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Filled GRK 4137 **pleroo** (play-ro'-o);

to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up to the line,
to furnish to the point of satisfaction,

Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation;
but (in contrast to losing the influence) be (being) filled with the Spirit,

John Testimony of Jesus' Baptism

Mark 1:5-8

And all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.⁷ And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.⁸ "I indeed baptized you with water, **but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**"

This Filling and Baptism are they different?

Is the "Baptism" of the Holy Spirit and the "Filling" of the Holy Spirit the same event?

We have confusion because of both wording,
meaning and experience

#1 - Our "birthing" into the family of God

1 Corinthians 12:13

For by **one Spirit** we were all baptized into **one body**-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into **one Spirit.**

* **Baptized** GRK 907 **baptizo (bap-tid'-zo);**

to immerse, to submerge under; to make one fully wet. a ceremonial act of indoctrination into the Christian faith.

To be placed 'into'

It's The First Recorded In John 20 Pertaining to Salvation (being born again)

John 20:19-22

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

This is Where and How We Begin Our New Lives in Christ

Ephesians 4:4-6 KJV

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

BUT THIS IS NOT WHAT PAUL IS TEACHING IN EPHESIANS 5:18

#2.) Our need to be re-filled or re-Baptized in the Holy Spirit

THE GREEK
language here demands a response to the command

1. it appears in the plural - so it applies to all Christians throughout the ages
2. it denotes an ongoing relationship with the Holy Spirit
3. it is in the present tense demanding that it is a constant need of ours
4. it is a requirement to successful Christian living

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It is a passive verb meaning that it is He that must fill us

But it's based upon our requesting Him to do so

Luke 11:10-13

For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

The Three Activities of the Spirit

Para / En / Epi

Context

The EPI -

A continuous refueling

a.) is to maintain a freshness to our:

1. our lives
2. our witness
3. our ministry

b.) is to condition us to be dependent upon Him

1. moment by moment
2. day by day
3. year by year

c.) is to cause us to have supernatural power

1. to do the will of God
2. to love one another
3. and to war against the world, the flesh, and the devil

Unlike water baptism, which is symbolic
Spirit baptism is an actual manifestation

Verse 17

5c.) Knowing God's Will for Your Life

vv. 17

Therefore do not be **unwise**,
but understand what **the will** of the Lord is.

“Living the Spirit Filled Life”

Ephesians 5:18

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1.) What is a Spirit-Filled?

vv.18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation;
but be filled with the Spirit,

“but be filled”

is to be brought under the control of the Spirit in every area of our
lives

Our Mind – Our Spirit – Our Bodies

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify** you completely;
and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless

Being Under His Control

who makes the decisions in your life?

The Coming Upon of the Holy Spirit

The Need to be Filled:

Acts 1:1-5

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The Activity of Being Filled:

Acts 1:7-9

And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

The Purpose for Being Filled:

John 14:16-20

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.¹⁹ A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

²⁰ At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

The Result of Being Filled:

Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

A directed life

Ezekiel 36:27

"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

A holy life

1 Peter 1:15

but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

A meaningful life

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

An ordered life

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

A joyful life

1 Peter 1:8

whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

A life that has become “God-Dependent” in all things

Ephesians 5:8-10

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

Once into the Body - Moment by Moment for Life

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

But that has to do with salvation

The First Recorded Act of Salvation (born again)

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John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

In the last day, that great day of the feast]-- or 'Now [de (grk 1161)] in the last, the great day of the feast: ' that is, the eighth day of the feast of Tabernacles <Lev. 23:39>. It was a Sabbath, the last feast day of the year, and distinguished by joyous sing, trumpet blown - Josephus writes that if you had never experienced this great day of praise and worship - then you have never known praise and worship

4.) How to be Spirit-Filled?

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Is to understand our need

In Matthew 3:11
John is the Baptizer,
water is the element and repentance is the issue

In 1-Corinthians 12:13
The Holy Spirit is the Baptizer,
the body is the element and initiation is the issue

But in Acts 1,
Jesus is the Baptizer,
and the element is the Holy Spirit, and the issue is power

Acts 19:1-6

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." ³ And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

**Is Your Christian Life
an overflowing life?**

An Example of Believers not yet being Filled

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, ¹⁵ who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Notice the Un-Pattern as an Example

Peter called to Cornelius' House

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, **because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.**⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,⁴⁷ "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be **baptized** (water) who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Acts 2:17-18

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.