

HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Living Out Our Inheritance In Christ, Part 20

MAIN IDEA: Since we will fill ourselves up with something, it's important to fill up on God's best choice: His Spirit. Today, what it means to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, **Ephesians 5:18** ESV

Drunkenness vs. Filling with the Spirit (Acts 2:13, 15)

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. **Acts 4:31**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **2 Cor. 3:17**

SPECTRUM of "Filled" "Filling" & "Full"

^a *Saved-Filled* (Eph. 1:13-14; 2 Cor. 1:22; 1 Cor. 2:12), ^b *Empower-Immersion* (Acts 1:8, 2:4), ^c *Anointing-filling* (Acts 4:8; 13:9; 7:55), ^d *Continuous normative* (Eph. 5; Acts 13:52)

HOW DO YOU "BE BEING FILLED?"

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. **Ephesians 5:19-21** ESV

SPEAKING TO ONE ANOTHER in psalms, hymns, spiritual songs.

1. The Spirit will fill us as we **SPEAK TO EACH OTHER** the things of God.

I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you. **Psalm 22:22** (Hebrews 2:12)

Psalms... **Hymns...**

Spirit songs... (Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:15 *tongues*)

SINGING... PRAISING

2. The Spirit will fill us as we begin to **PRAISE HIM ALOUD**.

Acts 16:25-26 (Ps. 22:3; 34:1; 2 Chr. 20:22; Heb. 13:15)

MAKING MELODY TO THE LORD with your heart

3. The Spirit will fill us as we **DIRECT OUR HEARTS** in song to Him.

My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses
Psalm 45:1

GIVING THANKS... always, for everything to God.

4. The Spirit will fill us as we get our **THANKER** going.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. **Psalm 100:4**
(1 Thess. 5:18; Phil. 4:6-7)

SUBMITTING TO EACH OTHER out of Fear of Christ.

5. The Spirit will fill us as we **HUMBLY SUBMIT** with a devotional and reverential eye on Jesus.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **Ps 2:11**

You who fear the Lord, praise him! **Psalm 22:23**
(Prov. 14:26-27; 1 Pet. 1:17; 2:13-14; Luke 12:4-5)

ADDENDUM: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... **Col 3:16**

Jesus loves you and is reaching out to you today. He wants you to open the door to your heart and invite Him in. Here's a prayer to help you make this connection with Him.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I turn from my sins to you. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I trust you and want to follow You as Lord and Savior. In Your name. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer for the first time today, would you please let us know by filling out a Lifeline card and dropping it in the Offering Box? Thanks so much.