

Ephesians 5:17-21
“but be filled with the Spirit”

“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.
And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your
heart to the Lord;
Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. “

Word Study:
πληροσθε– be filled

filled-πληρόω G4137

From G4134; to *make replete*, that is, (literally) to *cram* (a net), *level* up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to *furnish* (or *imbue, diffuse, influence*), *satisfy, execute* (an office), *finish* (a period or task), *verify* (or *coincide* with a prediction), etc.: - accomplish, X after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply. **Strong's**

- 1) to make full, to fill up, i.e. to fill to the full
 - 1a) to cause to abound, to furnish or supply liberally
 - 1a1) I abound, I am liberally supplied
- 2) to render full, i.e. to complete
 - 2a) to fill to the top: so that nothing shall be wanting to full measure, fill to the brim
 - 2b) to consummate: a number
 - 2b1) to make complete in every particular, to render perfect
 - 2b2) to carry through to the end, to accomplish, carry out, (some undertaking)
 - 2c) to carry into effect, bring to realisation, realise
 - 2c1) of matters of duty: to perform, execute
 - 2c2) of sayings, promises, prophecies, to bring to pass, ratify, accomplish
 - 2c3) to fulfill, i.e. to cause God's will (as made known in the law) to be obeyed as it should be, and God's promises (given through the prophets) to receive fulfilment

Thayer

V-PPM-2P

Part of Speech: Verb **Tense:** Present **Voice:** Passive **Mood:** iMperative
Person: second [you+] **Number:** Plural

I. Introduction.

Failure to understand the doctrine of Trinity, Deity of Christ, Holy Spirit, will lead to different directions where there is no salvation.

The basis of Christian faith is the Bible-Inerrant, Infallible and will not return to God void.

“*Have* not I, the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; *There is* none besides Me.

Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is* no other.
I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.”

Isaiah 45:21-23

-It should be according to the word of God.
The Bible: All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

II Timothy 3:16-17

II. Imperative **Mood**. Command.

*Not based purely on emotional experience.

*Evidence is not “emotionalism”, NOT by feelings.

*It is a Universal Command based on the “fruit” of the Holy Spirit.

(for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), v.9

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, Galatians 5:22

III. Present **Tense**; Second **Person** Plural.

*Universal and Corporate Command, “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs”

*ALL God's people-The Church, Ekklesia.

*It is in the Present Tense- an “on going command”

NOT Aorist Tense, It is one time, once and for all times,

-not being experienced only during service or special gatherings.

-then will experience again and again, etc.

-example: born again, sealed with the Spirit, Baptism with the Holy Spirit and especially Justification

Since it is in the **Present Tense**, it is an on going command:

Keep on being filled with the Holy Spirit-continuously remain being filled with the Holy Spirit.

IV. Passive **Voice**

*We can not make ourselves be filled with the Holy Spirit, It is the Sovereignty of God.

*But it is our responsibility to let the Sovereignty of God thru the HS to be filled and find “what is acceptable to the Lord”, v.10, also v. 17, “understand what the will of the Lord is”

Illustrate: “He who hath ears to hear, let him hear” - in all the parables of the Lord Jesus Christ, Matthew 13:9, after giving the Parables of the Sower.

Although it is in the Active voice, In Revelation 2:7, in the message to the seven Churches in Asia-it will give a proper understanding.

“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches”

Matt 13:9-Present, Active, Infinitive

Rev. 2:7- Aorist, Active, Imperative.

We will have the ability to hear and understand the word of God (as slaves- Rev 1:1) according to the Sovereignty of the HS – unto the Churches.

V. Applications

1. Contrast: between the Heathen and Pagan Gatherings-Church as filled with the HS; Worldly as filled with alcohol, as in “drunkenness” It is a contrast and NOT similarity between wine and Spirit.

2. Alcohol-mind bending experience and lost control. Against fruit of the Spirit and self-control. Illustrate- “Toronto Blessings”; Baptism of the HS / Speaking in Tongues;

3. More Applications:
 - Fellovsheep- gathering, in corporate or group, the church-ekkleisia, (second person – plural) “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.”

 - Worship-the object of gathering is to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. “singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” (Kurios) philippians 2

 - Prayer-one of the most important thing to do during gathering of the congregation is prayer. “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Not asking but giving thanks for all thins-whether positive or negative. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. **Romans 8:28**

 - Attitude of Humility- submission to one another. “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.” In subjection to one another. Present Tense and Passive Voice.