

Be Filled With the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-21)

- I. **Introduction**
 - A. War time songs
 - B. Review of context
 - C. Ephesians 5:18-21 read and outline of the sermon

- II. ***Be not drunk with wine ...*** (Eph 5:18)
 - A. Wine commended in Scripture (Ps 104:15, Jn 2:6-10)
 - B. Drunkenness is condemned in Scripture (Noah, Lot, Dan 5, 1 Cor 11:27-30, Prov 20:1, Gal 5:19-23, 1 Cor 5:11)
 - C. Some guideline concerning the Christian and drinking
 1. Is it necessary?
 2. Can it becoming habit forming? (1 Co 6:12, Hab 2:15-16))
 3. Will it offend other Christians? (1 Co 8:4,7-9, 11, Ro 14:15-21)
 4. Is it right? (Ro 14:23)

- III. ***But be filled with the Spirit...*** (Eph 5:18)
 - A. The reason Paul contrasts this to being drunk with wine
 1. The background of pagan worship (Dionysius)
 2. Some teach that the Spirit and wine have similar affects
 3. Some contrasts between drunkenness and Spirit-filling
 - B. Analysis of the command
 1. imperative – a non-optional duty
 2. plural – given to all; manifested corporately
 3. passive – not something we do for ourselves, yet we are involved
 4. present or continual – not a one time event
 - C. What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
 1. *with* the Spirit or *by* the Spirit?
 2. It means being conformed into the image of Christ

- IV. **The marks or evidences of being filled with the Spirit** (Eph 5:19-21)
 - A. *Speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs*
 - B. *Singing*
 1. sing with understanding
 2. sing to be heard
 - C. *Making melody with your heart*
 - D. *Giving thanks always* (including in adversity)
 - E. *Submitting to one another*
 1. mutual servanthood?
 2. proper submission to authority?
 3. submission to *the church* as a whole

- V. **Conclusion: How are we filled with the Spirit**
 - A. Colossians 3:16-17
 - B. Once again – the Word, prayer, fellowship, the breaking of bread
 - C. A final call to be filled with the Spirit