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Living

under the influence

family life church
Eph 5:18-21

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Edward Church

The Battle is...

- Here
- Hot
- Hard
- Help

Before Paul Talks About...

...the Power of the Spiritual Armor

...He Talks About the Power of the Spirit

under

The influence
family life church

18And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21submitting to one another in the fear of God. Eph 5:18-21 NKJV

Don't drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge draughts of him. Sing hymns instead of drinking songs! Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ. Eph 5:18-21 Message

fill and control you.



D.U.I.

DUI = “Driving Under the Influence”

- **Paul Draws a Contrast Between Living Under the Influence of Alcohol and Living Under the Influence of the Holy Spirit.**
- **Instead of Being Full of Wine (*life’s Intoxicating Influences*)...
...We Should Be Filled with the Holy Spirit(*Heavenly Influence*)**

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”

Ephesians 5:18

D.U.I.

Ephesians

Chapter 5:18-21

**The Contrast Between Being Under the Influence of Wine (*world*)...
...and Being Filled with the Spirit (*not of this World*)**

- **Under the Influence of Wine Leads to Excess...**
 - **Debauchery**=“*seduction from duty*”
 - **Dissipation**=“*a wasting by misuse*”
- **Living Under the Wrong Influence Life Will Be Wasted,
...as a Result of Not Fulfilling Responsibilities**
- **By Contrast, the Believer who Lives a Spirit Filled Life Will Be...
...Characterized by Fulfilling Their Responsibility to God**

YOU There is a Difference

Born of the Spirit (Again) – Spirit Dwells Within=

- **Called the New Birth –John 3:5 unless**
- **Prepares You for Heaven**

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. -1 Cor 12:13

Baptized with Spirit – Spirit Dwells Without=

- **Called the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**
- **Prepares You for Earth**

“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high” -Luke 24:49

ACTS 1:8

There is a Difference

Drunk with Wine

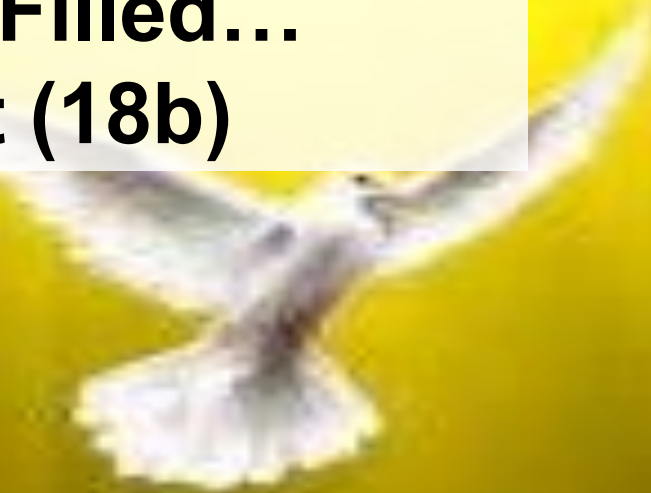
- False Boldness
- Invincible (numb)
- Mutter
- Repels Others

Filled with the Spirit

- Divine Boldness
 - Acts 4:13
- Invincible
 - Mark 16
- Message
 - Acts 2:1-6
- Attracts Others
 - Acts 2:41

HOLY SPIRIT

**Seek to Be Consciously Filled...
...with the Holy Spirit (18b)**



**It is Not a Suggestion For Us to Consider...
...It is a Command to Obey**

And abide within us

We are at War!

Get in the Battle!