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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
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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.

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

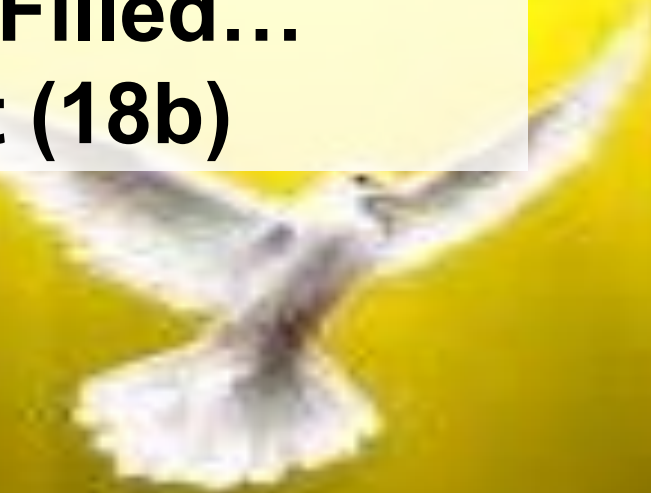
- False Boldness
- Invincible (numb)
- Mutter
- Repels Others

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!

This Is How Our Lives Should Look





But Does This More...
...Accurately Describe Our Lives???

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...with the Holy Spirit (18b)**

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Without the Influence of the Holy Spirit Over Our Lives...

...We Are Completely Unable to Live Life to the Fullest

- **We Called to Imitate Christ**
- **Its Impossible to Do On Our Own.**
- **His Spirit Dwells Within Us and Upon Us to Enable Us**

*Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your
waterfalls;*

All Your waves and billows have gone over me.

Psalm 42:7

*“Deep calleth unto
deep.”*

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

“Keep on being filled with the Spirit.”

This Command is a Present Tense, “*Continuous Action Verb*”

This Means Two Things:

- ✓ **This is a Command to Obey Every Moment of Every Day**
 - **We Cannot Afford Not to Be Living Under the Spirit’s Influence**
 - **We Must Daily Choose to Surrender Life to the Holy Spirit.**
- ✓ **This is a Command to Obey in Ever-Increasing Measure**
 - **Cannot Be Over Emphasized**
 - **We Need to Allow the Spirit to Influence Every Area of Life.**
 - **At Church; at Home; at Work; and Alone**

Seek to Be Conspicuously Filled... ...with the Holy Spirit (19-21)

“People notice a difference when someone is drunk... Is it difficult for others to tell who has been drinking of the living waters? It shouldn't be. There ought to be a noticeable difference in our lives from God's Spirit being in control.”

Yielding to the Holy Spirit's Influence in Our Lives Will...

...Impact Our Relationship With

- God (19-20)**
- One Another (21)**

Jesus Said this About the Power of the Spirit at Work In Our Lives:

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you/ you will be my witnesses.” - Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Spirit Filled Souls are Ablaze for God and Stand Out...

- **Love with a Love that Glows**
- **Serve with a Faith that Kindles**
- **Serve with a Devotion that Consumes**
- **Rejoice with a Joy that Radiates**

“Love is perfected in the fire of God” - Samuel Chadwick

BE FILLED

How to Be Continuously Filled

¹⁹ Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:19-21 NLT

It All Has to Do with Attitude and Position:

- **Att of Worship(19)- Keep Your *Heart* Open**
...Keeps you in Position to Hear Him
- **Att of Thanksgiving(20)- Keep Your *Head* Open**
...Keeps you in Position to See Him
- **Att of Submission(21)- Keep Your *Ego* Out of It**
...Keeps you in Position to Let Go and Let God

As the deer pants
for streams of water,
so

my soul
pants for you,

O God.

My soul
thirsts for God,

for the
living God.