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THE BEST EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Spirit-Filled Life Produces Gratitude

EPHESIANS 5:18, 20 KJV

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

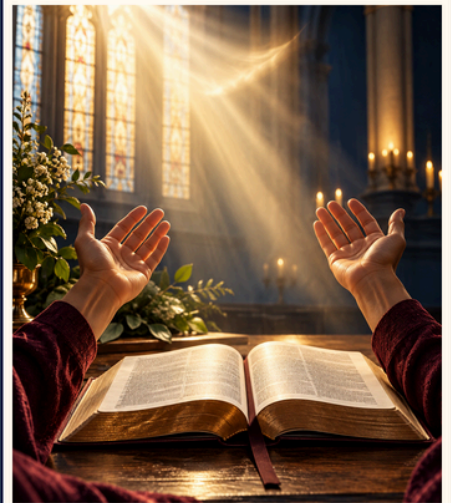
COLOSSIANS 3:15-16 KJV

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

The Best Evidence of the Holy Spirit

is not a person's claim about himself or a single public experience. The strongest evidence is the Spirit's continuing work in that person's character, doctrine, worship, relationships, speech, and conduct. Where the Spirit rules, Christ is exalted and His fruit becomes visible.

GRATITUDE IS THE RESULT



A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

THE SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN IS CONTROLLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND GRATITUDE IS THE RESULT.

The filling of the Spirit means yielding to His holy influence. Ephesians 5 connects the command to be filled with worship, submission, and thanksgiving. When the Spirit controls the heart, self-centered complaining loses its throne and the believer increasingly recognizes the grace and faithfulness of God.

A SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN IS COMMITTED TO THE WORD OF GOD, AND GRATITUDE IS THE RESULT.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, and He never leads believers away from the Scriptures He inspired. Colossians 3 connects the word of Christ dwelling richly with worship and thankfulness. Commitment to God's word renews the mind and teaches believers to recognize His goodness.

A SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN IS CHARACTERIZED BY PEACE, AND GRATITUDE IS THE RESULT.

The peace of God rules the heart when the believer trusts God's truth and yields to the Spirit. This does not mean that trials disappear. It means fear, bitterness, and confusion are no longer permitted to govern. Peace makes room for gratitude because the believer knows that God remains present, faithful, and sovereign.