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THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Believer Yielded to the Spirit's Control

EPHESIANS 5:18-21 KJV

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.

The filling of the Holy Spirit

is the Holy Spirit's active control and influence in the believer's daily life. Every believer is indwelt and sealed by the Spirit, but every believer is also commanded to be filled with the Spirit. The command calls for continuing surrender rather than a one-time emotional experience.

Paul contrasts the control of wine with the control of the Spirit. Wine impairs judgment and produces excess. The Holy Spirit produces worship, gratitude, humility, and submission. He does not erase the believer's personality or suspend the believer's mind. He brings the entire person under the wise and holy rule of God.

The results named in Ephesians are clear: psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, melody in the heart, thanksgiving, and mutual submission. The filling of the Holy Spirit is therefore measured by Christlike fruit and obedient living rather than by self-display. Believers are filled as they yield to the Spirit, confess sin, trust God, obey Scripture, and refuse to grieve Him.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES: FILLED FOR OBEDIENT LIVING

ACTS 4:31 KJV

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

GALATIANS 5:25 KJV

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

ROMANS 8:14 KJV

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT



DO NOT GRIEVE THE SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 4:30 KJV

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

THE SPIRIT PRODUCES

- WORSHIP
- GRATITUDE
- HUMILITY
- SUBMISSION

CONTINUING SURRENDER,
NOT A ONE-TIME EXPERIENCE.