



## The Spirit Permeates Your Being

Matthew 3:11-12 | Ephesians 5:17-21 | John 7:37-39

### Sermon Proposition

It is God's Will that the Holy Spirit Permeate Your Being.

### Be Immersed with the Holy Spirit

*I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who... will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

Matthew 3:11 (NIV)

## **Be Filled with the Holy Spirit**

*And do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit.*

Ephesians 5:18 (NET)

## **Be an Overflowing Vessel of the Holy Spirit**

*Yeshua stood and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him keep coming to me and drinking! Whoever puts his trust in me, as the Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from his inmost being!"*

John 7:37–38 (CJB)

## Read It!

*Therefore be very careful how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> taking advantage of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> For this reason do not be foolish, but be wise by understanding what the Lord’s will is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for each other in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> and submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

Ephesians 5:15–21 (NET)

## Open It!

Have you ever had another person try to direct your decisions or control your life? How did you respond to that person?

## Consider It!

How should the Christ-follower live because the days are evil?

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What were the controlling influences that hindered the Ephesian believers (5:18)? What controlling influences in our contemporary context hinder the spiritual growth of believers?

How does Paul’s analogy of being "drunk with wine" help us understand what it means to be "filled with the Spirit"?

The present imperative refers to continual action. It should be translated “continually be filled” or “keep on being filled.” Why do you think there is a need for continual filling?

What four desirable behaviors result from being filled with the Spirit (observe the underlined words in 5:19-21)?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How might you make room for these spirit-filled activities in your family, ABF or LifeGroup?

What were the potential ethnic, religious, social, and economic divisions in the early church (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11)?

How would being filled with the Holy Spirit enable Jews to submit to Gentiles or Masters to Slaves in a church family (5:21)?

## Live It!

Where do we begin? What is a first step in being filled with the Holy Spirit (See Luke 11:9-13)?

### Ask the Father

*Heavenly Father, I need You. I have sought to be the one in control of my life, and as a result, I have sinned against You. I confess my sin knowing that you are faithful and just to forgive my sin and cleanse me from all that harms my fellowship with You. Thank you for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ to save me from my sin. Thank you for sending Your Spirit so that Christ might live and reign in me. I offer you my body as a living sacrifice for Your use only. Fill me with Your Spirit that Christ might live in me. I desire to live the rest of my life in this body for the One who loved me and gave himself for me. In Jesus name, Amen.*

This prayer is based on God's Word from Isaiah 53:6; 1 John 1:6-9, 4:14; John 14:16-17, 26; Luke 11:13; Romans 12:1-2; and Galatians 2:20.