



# THE HOLY SPIRIT

Understanding His Person,  
His Presence and His Power

## GROUP CURRICULUM

SERMON

**THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - EPHESIANS 5:15-21**

DATE

**MARCH 5, 2017**

*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,<sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,<sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. **Ephesians 5:15-21***

1. Fill in the blanks to complete the summary statement from this weekend's message:

**As a true believer in Jesus Christ, I have \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_,  
but does the \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ of me?**

In the passage above, underline all of the commands that Paul gives the Ephesians believers.

2. Which is the most important command in **Ephesians 5:18**? Why is it true that there is no more important command to obey in the entire Bible than the command found in Ephesians 5:18?
3. We learned that the command to "be filled with the Spirit" in verse 18 is: **Plural, Passive, and Continuous**. What are the implications of each of these?
4. Read **Ephesians 4:4-6** and **1 Corinthians 12:13**. When does the baptism of the Holy Spirit take place? Can I be baptized in the Spirit more than once?
5. Consider the statement: "**What fills you is what controls you.**" What are you currently filling your life with that is not the Holy Spirit?
6. Examine **Ephesians 5:19-21**. What are the evidences that someone is filled with the Holy Spirit? Which of these do you see absent in your life right now?
7. From the weekend's message, Pastor Robbie pointed us to some means by which we can strengthen our relationship with God and so be filled with the Holy Spirit. Take some time with the Lord in prayer and ask Him what in your life needs to change.
  - a) **Confess** all known sin and receive God's cleansing (1 John 1:9)
  - b) **Yield** every area of your life to the control of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1-2)
  - c) **Ask** in obedience (Ephesians 5:18)
  - d) **Give Thanks** (Colossians 3:16)
  - e) **Expect** great things to happen. (Ephesians 5:19-21)