

Singson

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT - #1

"NOT DRUNK - BUT FILLED"

Ephesians 5:18

INTRODUCTION:

1. Two basis commands here
 - a. If you feel like getting drunk - don't
 - b. If you feel like leaving this meeting not being filled with the Spirit - don't.
(Both are equally unthinkable)

*Yet - we are so little concerned with "the fullness of the Spirit."
2. God's men are "Qualified" this way - even deacons, let alone elders and preachers, etc..
3. Being "filled with the Spirit" is imperative to all spiritual pursuit!
 - a. Not an "optional extra"
 - b. Not for a "chosen few"
 - c. Not delusions of religious nuts and weirdos (something solid)
4. Problem! What does it mean?
 - a. Basic: The Holy Spirit is not a liquid!
 - Bible uses "liquid" terms - "poured", "filled", "rivers"
 - Liquid Theology evolves (Glass milk/water)
 - So 'to be filled with spirit, must be emptied of self (some truth, but..)
 - b. Dangerous Concept - (Produces either:
 - 1) Chronic Introverts
 - "Oh, he's trying to get himself empty"
 - Self-absorbed = lose sight of God, Bible, Church, world.
 - Increasingly discover he's not doing it so ("give up - it doesn't work")

or

- 2) Rank Hypocrites
 -Feeling? "Fine"; Things going? "Exciting";
 God doing in your life? "Fabulous things"
 -Phoney - (deceive self) (Dissillusion
 "seekers")

5. Read the Passage in Context!

- A. How be filled? Well, How get drunk?
 -Not, "Be empty of all else firts" (some get
 drunk, then were!!!
 -Rather - come "under the Control" of wine
 (ie. "under control" "of the Spirit".)
- B. Then what happens? Eph.5:18
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| <u>Don't</u> by | *Captivated | <u>Do</u> by |
| wine -- | *Motivated | the Holy Spirit |
| | *Activated | |
- C. How, and what does it mean. (v:18, after
 v:17, which is after rest of 5 which is after
 1,2,3,4)

DISCUSSION: (so - lets go back and pick up the discussion)

I. CAPTIVATED BY THE SPIRIT

- A. Begins - 1:13-14 - by being "sealed"
- "Sealed" is prerequisite to "filled"
 - How "sealed" (Hear Gospel, believe, trust
 self to Christ of Gospel - (Acts 2:38,5:32)
 - So - #1 "Be sure we are "sealed". (stamp
 of ownership - Rom. 8:17, Gal. 5:6 (brand)
- B. Becomes - 2:22 - A dwelling place for God in
 the Spirit.
- Does He (God) live in you? Evidence?
 - Not a "nice idea", or "Theological Concept"
 -- But a "practical reality"
 -(Affects all of life. Resource from which
 all of life flows) Se I Cor. 3:16; 6:19, etc..
- C. For the purpose of - 3:16(+20) Strenthening
 us in the inner man (a "Practical Experience")
- Who is He? - God
 - Where is He? - In me
 - Why is He, sho He is, where He is - "Strength
 and Power" - 3:16 + 20

D. So I must not - 4:30 - Grieve Him

1. The Holy Spirit lives in us - but so does our residual "old nature"
2. "The Flesh", motivates us to "Grieve", "Quench", and "Hinder" the Holy Spirit.
3. The Command is simple = "Don't"

-say "no" to the enemy --

-and "yes" to the "Lord who is the Spirit"

NOTE: "Climactic" or "Progressive" - "Step by Step"

-Climactic in Conversion - (we receive all of Him all at once. - Acts 5:32)

-Progressive in growth - (gets tougher - more discover Spirit, more aware of self and "the crunch").

-So ("Progressively" more "Climactic")
II Cor. 10:5

-Question: "Is it your normal life-style to be captivated by the Spirit?"

II. MOTIVATED BY THE SPIRIT

Wine: "Goofy motives"

-parking meter ="10 pounds"

- "wait till crowd passes"

Before: Eph.2:1-2, Jas.1:13, Rom.8, Gal.5:16-18

Now: Phil. 2:13-13

A. Motivated toward unity - 4:3 "of the Spirit"

1. Desparately greived when things are wrong between believers!

a. Not "Peace at any Price"

b. But Not - Fighting everyone

- Anonymous letters

- Quitting when can't get way

- Love hood fight

-Ramrod ideas--regardless

PROVERB:

"How good and
how pleasant it
is for brethren
to dwell together
in unity."

2. Awfully distrubed when things occur in the church that disgrace the name of Jesus. Why embarassed by complications? Why embarassed to say good things about folks?
3. Overriding concern that brethren dwell together in unity.

NOTE: Not natural. Natural to "want own way".
Spiritual - "desire unity of Spirit".

B. Motivated toward good Fruits - 5:9
(because Minds Made Now 4:23)

1. Captivated folks can be spotted - because motivated toward "Good, Right, True"
2. But not natural - weirdos in Society not! -not motivated to unity, but selfishness -not - "Good", "Right", "True" - but "Comfortable", "Profitable", "Popular"
3. "Filled ones" conspicuous or "sore thumb"
(Salt - Matt. 5 STING, wherever we go!!!)

C. Motivated toward Prayer - 6:18

III. ACTIVATED BY THE SPIRIT - (So - what do we do?
We're motivated?0 (Car on icē)

- A. "Activism", but no "Productivity" of fruit - only leaves.
- B. Dichotomy, Why? ("Evangelism" _____ "Deeper Life")
Ridiculous fight! Disparage!
 1. Can't be effectively evangelistic - without a depth of experience.
 2. Can't have "deep experience" without being evangelistic. (ie. "Can't be motivated without being activated - and visa-versa")

NOTE: "Those who sit selfishly celebrating the Holy Spirit, don't really understand too much about the Holy Spirit."

- C. What are the signs of being activated by the Spirit (Its like the obvious signs of drunkenness) (Drunk at wedding doesn't need a sign saying, "I am drunk! Are you?" or "I have the fullness of the Spirit - Do you?"

1. Drunkenness affects the way - he walks, he talks, he thinks.
2. So, if captivated and motivated by the Holy Spirit - one will be activated in a way that affects: (5:15-20)
 - a. His feet - v.15 (Paths of Service)
 - b. His mind - v.17 (Gentle thoughts)
 - c. His tongue - v.18-20 (KIndness and Evangel and Purity)

CONCLUSION:

1. The "Fullness of the Spirit" is for every Christian.
2. The "Fullness of the Spirit" is the basis of:
 - a. Family living
 - b. Christian ministry
 - c. Effective evangelism : O.K. "ANYTHING"
 - d. Character growth
 - e. Lovely personality
3. The Fullness of the Spirit is not:
 - a. An optional extra
 - b. An exstastic experience
 - c. "sent to cloud 99 - and kept there!!"
4. But - it is an on-going relationship where one is captivated, motivated, and activated by the Holy Spirit who lives within.
5. The "Fullness" should be as obvious as a drunk among sober people. Ephesians 5:18