

The Christian Life Is A Spirit-Filled Life
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1. In **Ephesians 5:18**, the apostle Paul encourages Christians to “not be _____ with _____, in which is _____ [**wastefulness**]: but be _____ with the _____;” the focus of this lesson is to enhance our _____ of what it means to be “_____ with the _____.”

2. In this passage, Paul contrasts two _____:

- 1) the _____ life, and
- 2) the _____ life.

3. What is a **wine-filled** life? It’s a:

- 1) life filled with _____ or an _____ beverage,
- 2) life of one who doesn’t just take _____ drink, but _____ drinks the alcoholic beverage,
- 3) life where wine or the alcoholic beverage becomes the person’s _____,
- 4) life when the drinker becomes a _____ to the alcoholic beverage,
- 5) life when the drinker may become _____ and _____ with speech (**cf. Prov. 20:1; 23:29-32**), and
- 6) life which can lead to a person destroying his/her _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, etc.

4. What is a **Spirit-filled** life? It’s a:

- 1) life that starts with a person _____ the _____ of Christ (**cf. Acts 5:32; Eph. 1:13**),
- 2) life filled with the _____,
- 3) life of a person who strives daily to live _____ the _____ or _____ of the Spirit operating through the _____ of God,
- 4) life in which a person is filled with the Spirit by _____ allowing the Spirit to direct his/her thoughts and decisions, and

5) life that a Christian is _____ studying God's word to give the Spirit more of the _____ to _____ with or through to keep him/her saved.

5. In **John 7:37-39**, Jesus foretells of a time when the _____ would fill the life of those who _____ His word; John writes, "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone _____, let him come to Me and _____. He who _____ in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his _____ will flow rivers of _____ waters. But this He spoke concerning the _____, whom those _____ in Him would _____; for the _____ was not yet _____, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

6. In **John 14:24**, Jesus describes a Spirit filled life is when a person will _____ His _____, and He and His _____ will abide in the person; Jesus says, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My _____: and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our _____ with him."

7. The Holy Spirit dwells in every _____ Christian (**cf. 1 Cor. 6:19**); Paul acknowledges a Christian's body is "the _____ of the Holy Spirit who is in _____, whom you have from _____..." Furthermore, Paul states in **Romans 8:9** that "But you are not in the flesh but in the _____, if indeed the Spirit of God _____ in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not _____."

8. The question is how does the Holy Spirit dwell in Christians?

1) The above passages and many others confirm the _____ the Holy Spirit _____ in _____ Christians. How?

2) The Spirit and the word are not _____.

3) The word is the _____ of the Spirit (**cf. Jo. 6:63**); Jesus says, "It is the _____ who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The _____ that I speak to you are spirit, and they are _____."

4) The _____ (Person) and the _____ (instrument) both dwell in Christians is the message of Paul in **Ephesians 5:18** [quote from memory this passage] **Colossians 3:16**, the latter passage declares, "Let the _____ of Christ _____ in you richly in all wisdom, _____ and admonishing one

another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

9. The relationship or connection between the _____ and the _____ can be seen in the following passages:

The Who	The How
Eph. 5:18 - Be _____ with the Spirit...	Col. 3:16 - Let the _____ of Christ dwell...
Jo. 3:5-8 - _____ of the Spirit	1 Pet. 1:23 - Born by the _____ of God
2 Cor. 3:6 - The Spirit gives _____	Jo. 6:63 - The _____ Jesus spoke are spirit and life.
Rom. 8:11 - Made _____ by the Spirit	Psa. 119:93 - Made alive by God's _____
Rom. 8:2 - The law of Spirit has made us _____	Jo. 8:32 - The truth God's _____ makes us free
Rom. 8:14 - _____ by the Spirit	Psa. 119:105 - The word is a _____ to my feet
Tit. 3:5 - _____ by baptism and the Spirit	Jas. 1:21 - The _____ is able to save your souls.

10. In **Acts 6**, the church in Jerusalem appointed _____ men to oversee the _____ program of the church; these men had the following two qualifications:

- 1) good _____, and
- 2) full of the _____ and wisdom.

11. One of the men, Stephen, is described as “a man full of _____ and the _____” (**Acts 6:5**).

12. In **Acts 11:23-24**, Barnabas is described as a “_____ man” and someone “full of the _____ and faith.”

- **Thought Questions:**

- 1) What does it mean to be full of the Holy Spirit?

2) How could others tell that the above men mentioned were filled with the Holy Spirit?

13. Two questions to consider:

1) Can you tell when someone is under the influence of wine or an alcoholic beverage? How so?

- a. The person's _____ ability is diminished.
- b. The person's _____ is slurred.
- c. The person's _____ declines.

2) Can you tell when someone is under the influence of the Spirit? How so? According to Paul in **Ephesians 5:1-20**, the following traits will be manifested in the person's life:

- a. strive to be an _____ of God (**5:1**),
- b. walk in _____ (**5:2**),
- c. avoid sinful practices such as _____, all uncleanness, covetousness, _____, but use his/her speech to give God thanks (**5:3-4**),
- d. walk in _____ (**5:8**),
- e. produces the fruit of the Spirit such as _____, _____, and truth (**5:9**),
- f. seeking those things _____ to God (**5:10**),
- g. avoid walking in _____ (**5:11**),
- h. walk _____ (**5:15**),
- i. put forth effort to _____ the will of God (**5:17**),
- j. find joy in _____ God in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (**5:19**), and
- k. is _____ (**5:20**).

14. Furthermore, Paul in the **Book of Galatians** states features of what it means to be filled with the Spirit. It's a life where Christians:

1) _____ in the Spirit (**Gal. 5:16**),

- 2) are _____ by the Spirit (**Gal. 5:18**),
- 3) _____ the fruit of the Spirit (**Gal. 5:22-23**), and
- 4) _____ in the Spirit (**Gal. 5:25**).

15. To have a Spirit filled life is explained in **Ephesians 3:16-17**; Paul says that God “would grant you, according to the riches His glory, to be _____ with might through His _____ in the inner man, that Christ may _____ in your hearts, through _____, that you, being rooted and grounded in love.”

16. How are Christians filled with the Spirit?

- 1) Christians are filled with the Holy Spirit to the extent that they allow the _____ through the _____ to influence or govern their lives.
- 2) To be filled by the Spirit is to be _____ by Him so you are no longer doing what the _____ desires.
- 3) **Thought**: The more of the word that we have in us as the _____ of the Holy Spirit, the greater the probability of the Spirit _____ our lives or the likelihood of us _____ God’s will.

17. The _____ between the Spirit and the word is seen in John’s letter to the seven churches of Asia. Note the connection in the following passages:

- 1) **Revelation 1:11** – Jesus says, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last” and “What you see _____ in a _____ and send it to the _____ which are in Asia...”
- 2) **Revelation 2:7** – Jesus then says, “He who has an _____, let him hear what the _____ says to the _____. To him who _____ I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the _____ of God.” [What gives you the power to overcome?]
- 3) **The connection can be seen in Revelation 2:11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22.**
- 4) **Thought** - In each of the above passages, the people were instructed to hear the words of the Spirit and those who allowed the Spirit, through the word, to influence or control their behavior were acting as someone filled with the Spirit.

18. **Note:** A Spirit filled life will not keep a Christian from transgressing God's will. Peter was an _____, and he was filled with the _____, but he _____ (cf. **Gal. 2:11-13**).

19. The benefit of being filled with Spirit is seen in Paul's words to the Christians in the church at Philippi; in **Philippians 2:12-13**, Paul says, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always _____, not as in my _____ only, but now much more in my absence, _____ out your own _____ with fear and trembling: for it is God who _____ in you both to will and to _____ for His good pleasure."

20. Also, the benefit is seen **1 Thessalonians 4:7-8**, Paul says, "For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in _____. Therefore, he who _____ this does not reject _____, but _____, who has also given us His _____."

21. **Closing Thought:** Let's remember, the Christian life is a _____ life, that is, a Christian is to not be "_____ with _____, which is _____: but be _____ with the _____" which is allowing the _____ as the Spirit's instrument to _____ or _____ our thoughts and actions.

22. **Summary:**

- 1) A person hears the _____, the gospel of Christ, which produces _____ in Jesus (**Rom. 10:17**).
- 2) The person then obeys the _____ of Christ and is _____ (**Mk. 16:15-16**).
- 3) After obeying the gospel, the _____ is given to the person by _____ (**Acts. 5:32**).
- 4) The person is to constantly _____ to his/her _____ by studying God's word (**2 Pet. 1:5ff**).
- 5) The person's _____ is influenced by the Holy Spirit, operating through the _____ (**Rom. 8:14; Col. 3:16**).
- 6) The more the _____ is in a person the more the _____ has to operate with, in the person (**Eph. 5:18**).