

## Being Filled With The Spirit - Eph 5:1-5, 15-21

- A. **Eph 5:18** says "be not drunk with \_\_\_\_\_, but be filled with the \_\_\_\_\_".
- B. In **Acts 2**, the people could tell the apostles where filled. They believe they were drunk (**v.13**), but they were "filled with the Spirit" (**v.4**)...
- C. People can tell through our words and actions what has "\_\_\_\_\_" your life. It should be the Spirit (**Rom 8:14**)...

### 1. How Are \_\_\_\_\_ With the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A. How do you fill up a Christian with a Spirit you cannot see?
- B. We readily accept by faith Jesus was God on the earth (**Jn 1:1,14**)
- C. Can we not accept by faith the same regarding our being filled with The Spirit?
- D. What being "filled with the Spirit" does not imply is a person can work miracles... Consider John the Baptist in **Lk 1:15**. "He shall be filled with the Holy Spirit", but he never performed miracles (**Jn 10:41**). Elisabeth was "filled with Holy Spirit", (**Lk 1:41**). but she never performed miracles...
- E. The men to be chosen in **Acts 6** were to be "\_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit" (**v.5**), and the disciples in **Acts 13:52** "were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit" Not all of these performed miracles.
- F. What being filled means in these passages refers to motivation and responsibility or cause and effect...
- G. Consider the example in **Gen 6:11-13**, **Exo 31:1-5**, and **Prov 12:21**. The passages refer to being "filled", which was a cause which brought about an effect. The same is true in the examples of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. In \_\_\_\_\_ is a contrast between two causes and the resulting effects from each cause.
1. The cause of "wine" brings the effect of "riot"
  2. The cause of the "Spirit" brings the effect of **v.15-21**. Compare this passage with **Col 3:16**...
- I. The Spirit brings power to the life of a Christian through the word (**Rom 1:16**). What others see which make it evident we are filled with the Spirit (i.e. sons of God) is **Gal 5:16-23**. Being filled with the fruits of the Spirit leaves no room for anything else. We are either filled with the Spirit, or we are filled with something else (**Acts 13:10**)...
- J. We could ask some crucial questions to help us determine if we are filled with Spirit. One question needs our consideration. Instead of asking how does the Spirit fill the life of a Christian. Ask, has the Holy Spirit filled your life as a Christian?