

I KNOW I CAN BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Ephesians 5:15-21 (October 6, 2024)

with the Holy Spirit,
19 singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.
20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
21 And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

I. THE REASONS FOR THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

1. Our O _____ (Obedience)

Ephesians 5:18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,
James 4:17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

2. Our O _____ (Obligations)

(1) We Need to Be Spirit-Filled in Our Worship Life.

Ephesians 5:19 Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.
John 4:23 But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.

(2) We Need to Be Spirit-Filled in Our Wedded Life.

Ephesians 5:22 For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord.
1 Corinthians 15:28 Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.
Ephesians 5:25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her

(3) We Need to Be Spirit-Filled in Our Work Life.

Ephesians 6:5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ.

(4) We Need to Be Spirit-filled in Our War Life.

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.
1 John 4:4 But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

(5) We Need to Be Spirit-Filled in Our Witness Life.

Ephesians 6:19 And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike.
Acts 5:32 We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit, who is

given by God to those who obey Him.

3. Our O _____ (Opportunities)

Ephesians 5:16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.
John 15:5 Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

II. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

1. Requirement 1. Complete C _____ Commitment
John 16:8 - The Holy Spirit is a Person; 1 Corinthians 6:19

2. Requirement 2. Continual C _____ Control (Ephesians 5:18)

3. Requirement 3. Conscious C _____ Claiming (John 7:37)

III. THE RESULTS OF THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

1. In Our Relationship to God - a Spirit of Adoration (John 4:24)

2. In Our Relationship to Circumstances - a Spirit of Appreciation (Ephesians 5:20)

3. In Our Relationship to Others - a Spirit of Accommodation (Ephesians 5:21)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What barriers exist in your heart that restrict the free flow of the Holy Spirit's ministry in your life? What do you think you're missing by not being as sensitive to His voice as you could be, as aware of your conscience's warnings, as available to His leading?
2. What are the marks of truly spiritual worship? Why is depth of visible emotion not the only way to express a heart full of praise and awe and dependence on the Lord? When have you been most aware that your worship is pure and genuine?
3. Looking at the various pieces of spiritual "armor" mentioned in Ephesians 6:13-18, try to capture in your mind the types of situations where you need to apply these weapons and defenses more diligently. What are some specific, tangible ways to do that?
4. How can you tell when your closeness to God isn't what it should be—not just a lack of spiritual feeling or fervor, but a disinterest in communing with God or caring about His plans for you? What usually brings these moments about? How do you recapture what you've lost?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- () Membership 101
- () Maturity 201
- () Ministry 301
- () Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- () Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- () Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- () How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- () I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
