

Ephesians Handout
Week Twenty-Six

13 But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14 for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

The key! --

What's going on here? Why this presentation?

And do not get drunk (no being drunk) with wine, for that is debauchery

And:

Drunk:

Debauchery: Asotia A sozo That which cannot be saved, is beyond hope, a total waste. To be completely given over to reckless and excess with no concern for consequences. No self-control.

Lk. 15:11 1 Pt. 4:3-4 But still...why not?

Physically-

Psychologically-

Socially-

1 Pt. 4:5-6, Phil. 1:20

What is the connection between drunkenness and being filled with the Spirit?

You should be doing everything under the influence all the time.

*It has nothing to do with amount!

It's not how much of the Spirit you have. It's how much the Spirit has you.

Two Certain Truths

-All genuine believers have the HS. 1 Cor. 6:19, Rom.5:5, 2 Cor. 1:22, Gal. 4:6, Rom. 8:9

-All believers have *all* of the Holy Spirit *all* the time. Jn. 14:16-17, Jn. 4:14, Jn. 7:37

One more time, the idea of filling has to do with whether or not all of you is yielded to HS.

Examples. Acts 6:3, Acts 11:22, Acts 13:48

Lingering Issues

- Is the way “filled” is used here in Ephesians 5, always what is meant by being “filled with the HS” in other places in the Bible?

Lk. 12:11, Acts 4:8, Lk. 1:67, Acts 13:9

Personal:

--Does that mean we can't ask for a special filling for big tasks?

Lk. 11:13

BUT

Acts 4:24

-What about "baptism" in the Spirit?

1 Cor. 12:13 or Lk. 3:16, Lk. 24:45, Acts 2:1

-Slain in the Spirit.

We are not commanded to receive the HS, be indwelt by the HS or be baptized in the HS or be sealed with the HS. All of this is done for us by God as an act of grace. We are not even commanded to seek extraordinary fillings.

What about Eph. 5:18?

Present tense

Passive voice

Plural

Filling is required in order to follow. Rom. 8:6

How do we actively yield?

1.

Ps. 33:6

2.

See Eph. 1-3 for help with 4-6. Eph. 3:14-19, 2 Cor. 5:13

3.

Compare Eph. 5:18 to Col. 3:15

Gal. 5:16

4. Ask for help.

Remember...

-We are not praying for power, we are praying for God to have His way and He will provide the power.

-We are not to just pray and leave it at that.

Remaining Issues

-The emotional thing. What does filling look like/feel like?

-How do we experience/encounter/live out the work/filling of the HS?

Discussion

1. What area of your life do you think you have not yielded control over to the Holy Spirit.

Why? What is your reservation?

2. When/how do you think the HS has made the most inroads into your life—through prayer, worship, Bible study, service, quietness, difficult circumstances?