

EMPOWERED
the person & work of the holy spirit

PART 6
Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

"Be filled with the Spirit."
EPHESIANS 5:18

"Don't bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who has identified you as his own."
EPHESIANS 4:30, NLT

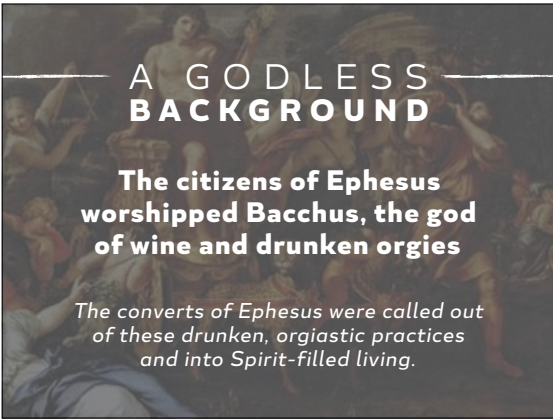
"Don't be drunk with wine; it will ruin your life. Instead let the Holy Spirit fill you and control you."
EPHESIANS 5:18, NLT

A CONTINUAL
FILLING

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"Be filled"
a present, passive imperative

Literally,
"be being kept filled"



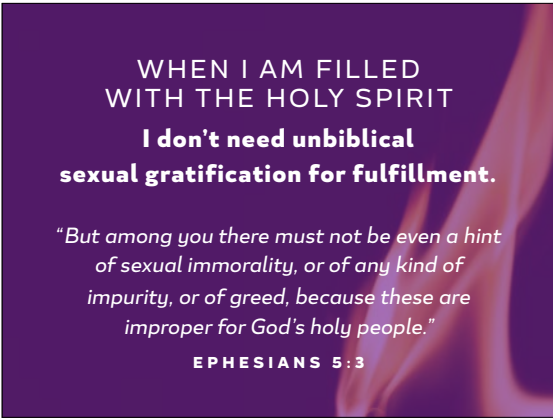
**A GODLESS
BACKGROUND**

**The citizens of Ephesus
worshipped Bacchus, the god
of wine and drunken orgies**

*The converts of Ephesus were called out
of these drunken, orgiastic practices
and into Spirit-filled living.*



2,000 years later it's
still the Holy Spirit
that should make me
confident and competent,
not a drink—or another
person or a position or a
possession.

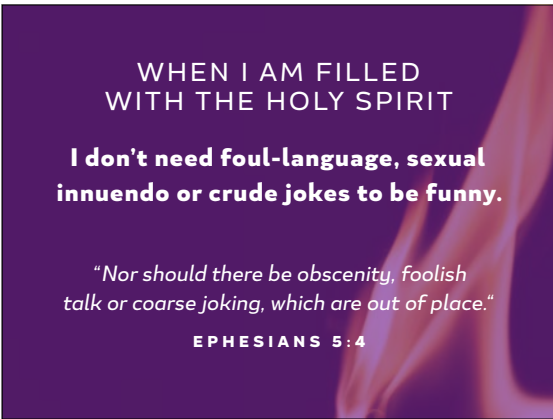


**WHEN I AM FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**I don't need unbiblical
sexual gratification for fulfillment.**

*"But among you there must not be even a hint
of sexual immorality, or of any kind of
impurity, or of greed, because these are
improper for God's holy people."*

EPHESIANS 5:3



**WHEN I AM FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**I don't need foul-language, sexual
innuendo or crude jokes to be funny.**

*"Nor should there be obscenity, foolish
talk or coarse joking, which are out of place."*

EPHESIANS 5:4

Chronic crudeness and moral impurity block Spirit-filled living.

"For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a one is an idolater—has any inheritance in God's kingdom."

EPHESIANS 5:5

SPIRIT-FILLED
V.S.
SELF-INDULGENT LIVING

VERSE 6
"Don't be deceived" by the world's empty logic that promotes self-indulgence.

VERSE 7
"Don't partner" with humanistic thinking.

VERSE 8-9
"Live as children of light," i.e., "goodness, righteousness and truth."

SPIRIT-FILLED
V.S.
SELF-INDULGENT LIVING

VERSE 15
"Be very careful, then, how you live."

VERSE 16
"Make the most of every opportunity."

VERSE 17
"Understand what the Lord's will is," i.e., "be being kept filled" with the Holy Spirit.

TWO
FILLINGS

*"They were **filled** with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues."*

ACTS 2:4

*"Be **filled** with the Spirit."*

EPHESIANS 5:18

ACTS
2:4

Filled: *pimplemi*

Grammar: *aorist, passive, indicative*

God: *sudden, sovereign*

EPHESIANS
5:18

Filled: *plarao*

Grammar: *present, passive, imperative*

People: *active yielding*

ACTS
2:4

an event

extraordinary, supernatural

speaking in tongues

EPHESIANS
5:18

an ongoing process

ordinary, natural

speaking in songs

ACTS
2:4

asking in faith for a task

EPHESIANS
5:18

yielding in obedience for a life

BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT IS ABOUT YIELDING CONTROL OF MY LIFE, MOMENT BY MOMENT, TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.


**HOW TO BE
← SPIRIT-FILLED**

"Be imitators of God..."
EPHESIANS 5:1

IMITATE
mimesis: micic

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"Practice being God."
CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA



THREE IMITATIONS

1. In love:
"live a life of love." EPHESIANS 5:2

2. In sacrifice:
"the fragrant offering of Christ's sacrifice to God." EPHESIANS 5:2

3. In purity:
yielding control of sexuality, desires, speech and world-view. EPHESIANS 5:3-7

**HOW MUCH
CONTROL DOES
THE HOLY SPIRIT
HAVE OVER MY
MOMENT-BY-MOMENT
LIFE?**

