

**“ARE YOU FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?”**  
**(Eph.5:18-21)**

Today is “Pentecost Sunday” – the anniversary of the Holy Spirit coming down to give birth to the Church! In light of this we will study God’s command to “Be filled with the Spirit” so that we can...

**I. Understand the Command (v.18)**

- Not the **BAPTISM** of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12:13)
- Not the **INDWELLING** of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:9)
- Compared/Contrasted with **DRUNKENNESS**
- Other New Testament Uses of **FILLED**  
(Lk.4:28; 5:26; 6:11; Acts 3:10; 4:8, 31; 6:3; 7:55; 13:45, 52)
- “Be Filled” – Imperative, Present, Passive

**II. Obey the Command**

- **SATURATE** With God’s Word (Col.3:16-17)
- **SURRENDER** to God’s Will (Rom.12:1-2)
- Live in Christ’s **PRESENCE** (Mat.28:20)

**III. Enjoy the Command (vv.19-21)**

- A **SINGING** Heart (19)
- A **THANKFUL** Heart (20)
- A **SUBMISSIVE** Heart (21)

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

1. What are some of the differences between the “Filling of the Spirit” and the “Baptism of the Spirit?” Why is it important to know the difference between the two? Why is it so important for us to make sure we are filled with the Spirit?
2. Why is it important that we consult the epistles for the final word on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit before we make a conclusion on this doctrine from the book of Acts?
3. **Read and discuss Col.3:16-17.** What are some practical ways we can obey the command to let Christ’s Word **dwelt in us richly**? How does this relate to being filled with the Holy Spirit?
4. What did “C.I.W.M.” stand for in Sunday’s sermon? Why is this concept important for a Spirit-filled life?
5. What does a Spirit-filled like look like according to Eph.5:19-21? What are some practical ways to make sure these 3 qualities are evident in your life?

**Digging Deeper:**

The question of the spirit-filled life is not “how much of the Holy Spirit do you have?” but rather “**how much of you** does the Holy Spirit have?” We must allow the Holy Spirit to control specific areas of our lives, such as → Family, Work, School, Finances, Leisure, Church Involvement, and Friendships. Prayerfully evaluate yourself in each one of these areas and commit to a “Christ-Is-With-Me” (CIWM) approach for each area.

**Carefully read Rom.12:1-2** several times and then write these verses in your own words. Jot down some practical steps you can take to make sure you are obeying Rom.12:1-2.