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# Filled with the Holy Spirit

Eph. 5:15-21

## **The ultimate formula**— “the ultimate imperative in all of Paul’s writings.” (Gordon Fee)

The indwelling H.S. + the filling of the H.S. = fully benefiting from the promise of Jesus in Jn. 14:18

**Foundational facts concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit:**

* Every believer one time passively and permanently receives the **indwelling** Holy Spirit with the gracious gift of salvation- John 14:16; Rom. 8:9; Eph. 1:13 (*not experiential🡪done to believers; not by the believer*).
* Every believer is one time passively and permanently **baptized** by the Holy Spirit at salvation into Christ and into the body of Christ- Rom. 6:3,5; 1 Cor. 12:13 (*not experiential🡪 done to believers; not by the believer*).
* Every believer is commanded to be active in continually being **filled** with the Holy Spirit- Eph. 5:18 (command, conditional, continual-*experiential🡪 action required by believers*).

The Doctrine of the Filling of the Holy Spirit in Context: *How to fully benefit from Jesus’ promise of the Holy Spirit’s Indwelling Work 🡪*

* Far context Christian direction and progress checklist –

1. *Walking worthy (4:1) 4. No improper behaviour for believer (5:3-4)*
2. *Not grieving the H.S. (4:30) 5. Pleasing the Lord (5:10)*
3. *Imitating God (5:1)*

* Near context Christian behaviour –

1. *Wise time stewardship (5:16)*

Are you intentionally evil-proofing you/ your family by prioritizing the way you strategize your time?

1. *Daily choices to chase after the will of the Lord—the foolish live instinctively (5:17)*

Are you learning to make all of your decisions about the will of the Lord?

1. *Make no room for substances that control your behaviour (5:18a)*

Are you always completely sober?

1. *FILLING--Cooperate fully with the powerful person and presence of Jesus in your life (5:18b)*

Are you making every effort to have your desires, decisions and direction entirely controlled and all about Jesus? Your spiritual progress and growth depends on it.

How will I know that I am **experiencing** the filling of the H.S.?

*The unnatural becomes normal. The fruit of our inner authentic experience of Jesus…*

*1.* ***Speaking*** *good theology to each other (5:19a) vs. corrupt and coarse language (5:3-4)*

*2.* ***Singing*** *and* ***making music*** *to the Lord (5:19b)*

*3. Always* ***giving thanks*** *to God for everything (5:20)*

*4.* ***Submitting*** *to one another (5:21) [wives, husbands, children, fathers, marketplace]*

… in the fear of Christ.