

Spirit Filled Living
Ephesians 5:15-21
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The Holy Spirit's ministry is to conform us to Christ.

1. Contrast

- Don't be drunk with wine, because that leads to foolishness

2. Command

- Be filled with the spirit

Be so utterly and completely focused on Christ as revealed in holy Scripture that the image of Christ dominates our thought and by that domination, by that attention given to the honor and glory of Christ, the Holy Spirit is empowered to shape us into His image. That's the Christian life. That's our part.

3. Consequences

When a person is filled with the Spirit, the result is the fruit of the Spirit...love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control. Those are evidences of sanctification. Galatians 5:22-23

- **You will have a joyful song in your heart V 19**
- **You will have an attitude of thankfulness V 20**
 1. It is God's will
 2. Keeps us continually aware of God's presence
 3. Keeps us from negative thinking
 4. Motivates us to look for God's purpose in our circumstances
 5. Brings our will into submission to God's will
 6. Reminds us of our dependence on Him for every situation
 7. Develops our trust in God
 8. Enables us to rejoice
 9. Gives impact to our Christian witness
 10. Focuses our attention on God not our circumstances
 11. Brings glory to God
 12. Gives us a peace that passes all understanding
 13. Helps us to pray with power
 14. Frees our hear from bitterness
 15. Releases God's power in our life

- **Attitude of humble submissiveness V 21**

LP Being filled with the Spirit is the same thing as living as if you're standing next to Jesus. Being filled with the Spirit is letting the presence of Christ dominate your life. It's not a mystical thing. It's filling ourselves with the Word of God so that the truth of Christ dominates our thinking, and then the Spirit of God, as we yield to the truth of Christ in us, will lead us to do and say and be what God wants us to be.