

HTPC— Fall, 2017 Sunday School

Ephesians: The Beauty of Christ and His Blood-Bought Bride

Week 6: “Be Filled with the Spirit” (5:15-6:9)

- I. Introduction— *Walking Wisely* (5:15-5:17)**
- A. “Wise” v. “unwise” (v. 15); “foolish” v. “will of God” (v. 17)
- B. “the time;” “the days are evil” (v. 16; cf. 2:2; 6:12)
- II. *Walking in the Spirit— “Be Filled”* (cf. Galatians 5:16; 25)**
- A. *Indicative* of the Spirit (1:13-14— notice the link between Christ and the Spirit)
- B. *Imperative* of the Spirit
1. Negative: “Do not grieve the Spirit” (4:30)— Life in the Spirit is a very practical matter
 2. Positive: “Be filled with the Spirit” (5:18)— What does this mean?
 - a. Context: Negative command— “Do not get drunk [be filled] with wine” (“debauchery” — cf. 4:19; 5:3-5,12)
 - b. Positive, contrasting command— “Be filled with the Spirit;” “The first commandment applied to the Holy Spirit”
 - c. Remember Colossians— parallel passage— 3:16— “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly”— Word and Spirit; Spirit and Word!
- III. Applications/Implications of Spirit-Filled Life (5:19-6:9)**
- A. Church (5:19-20)

1. Biblical instruction/speech (v. 19a)
2. Biblical worship (formal and informal) (v. 19b)
3. Thanksgiving (v. 20; cf. 5:4)
4. Mutual (horizontal) submission (flowing from vertical submission!) (v. 21)

B. Wives and husbands (5:22-33)

1. Wives (vv. 22-24, 31)
2. Husbands (vv. 25-29, 31)
3. Christ and the church!! (vv. 29-32— remember the theme of the letter and the section out of which these instructions flow)
4. Summary— Creation order, Fall, Christ, church, husbands, wives— “Grace restores nature” while our present callings involve a “provisional” status (cf. 1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

C. Children and parents (6:1-4)

1. Children (vv. 1-3)
2. Parents (v. 4)

D. Slaves and masters (6:5-9)

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2. Masters (v. 9)