

## The Holy Spirit's Filling Ministry

### Results

#### I. Review:

1. A correct spiritual family relationship precedes Spirit filling.
2. The Spirit fills up, or makes up what is lacking, in the Christian's thinking.
3. "Heart" is used metaphorically in Scripture.
  - 1) "Heart" involves one's mind, emotion, and will.
  - 2) "Heart" emphasizes the motive behind one's thoughts (1 Cor. 4:5; Rom. 8:26-27).
4. Ephesians 5:19-21 are the results of Spirit filling.
  - 1) "Yourselves" is a reflexive pronoun—internal.
  - 2) The "ing" ending words are connected to the main verb "filling."

#### II. Results of the Spirit's filling ministry in Ephesians 5:19-21.

1. "***Speaking*** to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs"
  - 1) Psalms came to mean "praise:" telling God what He did for you, benefit(s), in terms of His character—name (Ps. 148:1-5; 149:1-3; 150:1-2; Heb. 13:15; cf. 1 Cor. 14:26).
  - 2) Hymns came to mean "worship:" telling God who He is (Heb. 2:12; Ps. 22:22).
  - 3) "Songs" are not always singing (Rev. 5:9; 15:3).
2. "***Singing*** and ***psalming***<sup>3</sup> in your heart to the Lord." (KJV making melody).
4. "***Giving*** thanks always for all things . . ."
5. "***Submitting*** on your part to one another . . ." this is submitting for spiritual benefits: to place one's self at the disposal of others.

#### III. This passage describes, in visual imagery, a joyous, peaceful, effervescent heart. It illustrates a condition where the person has emotions that are under control by the human spirit from the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Pet. 2:11). Praise, worship, and thanksgiving are all directed at the Throne in the Third Heaven (Heb. 4:16). Submission to other members of the Body is focused on Christ as the Head, who is at the Father's right hand. The Holy Spirit provides thoughts that are focused up There.