

## **The Holy Spirit's Filling Ministry**

- I. Review: the enemy is the sin nature—the predisposition to sin.
  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. Results of the Spirit's filling ministry in Ephesians 5:19-21 has a context describing specific unrighteousness activity.
  3. The effervescent heart of Ephesians 5:19-21 is in direct opposition to the unrighteousness in the context.
  4. The goal in overcoming spiritual enemies is the ability to minister to the Body—practice the New Commandment.
- II. “*You all reckon yourselves . . .*” is not Spirit filling.
  1. A matter of source:
    - 1) Who is doing the reckoning? The Christian: present active imperative: *you, yourself reckon* (Rom. 6:11).
    - 2) Who does the filling? The Holy Spirit: present passive imperative, *you be filled* (Eph. 5:18).
  2. Apart from the Mind of Christ, the Christian cannot initiate any righteous thoughts (1 Cor. 2:16; Gen. 6:5; Is. 64:6).
  3. Our past tense, or initial salvation was not merit based and our present tense salvation is not earned (Eph. 2:8-9).
  4. The condition to Spirit filling in all contexts is a correct family relationship with the Father: all sin acts confessed and a desire to please Him (Phil. 2:13).
- III. In the context of Romans 6:11, “**The sin**” [*aka*, sin principle (Rom. 7:23; the flesh (Rom. 7:18, 20; Gal. 5:16) the sin nature (Eph. 2:3) is describes as:
  1. That which dominates a Christian using an erroneous concept of grace (Rom. 6:1-2 *cf.* Rom. 11:6);
  2. That to which the Christian *should* no longer be a slave (Rom. 6:6-7);
  3. That which has the potential to be a king in the Christian's body (Rom. 6:12);
  4. That which has the potential to use the body as weapons of unrighteousness (Rom. 6:13);
  5. That which has the potential to lord it over him (Rom. 6:14);
  6. That which can become a slave master if one uses an erroneous concept of grace (Rom. 6:14-16).
  7. That which can cause physical death (Rom. 6:16; 8:13).
- IV. The “reckoning” in Romans 6:11 is a response to a sustained attack from the sin nature. “Reckoning” is something the Christian does; “filling” is done by the Holy Spirit. Both Romans 6:11 and Ephesians 5:18 are describing Christians under attack spiritually.