

The Inner Man, part 18
Spirit Filling

- I.** The exhortation to be filled by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18).
 1. “Filled” is an imperative, very strong suggestion.
 2. “Filled” is passive, not self-generated.
- II.** How are you filled by the Holy Spirit?
 1. A gift from God, not out of yourself (Eph. 2:8).
 2. Not earned, no “steps”! A Christian in activity is either spiritual or carnal (Rom. 6:16).
 3. The ‘car’ analogy.
 - 1) Reverse—carnal, emanating things of the flesh.
 - 2) Neutral—ceremonially clean (1 Jn. 1:9).
 - 3) Foreword drive—spiritual, emanating things from the Holy Spirit.
- III.** What is Spirit filling?
 1. Not control, either mentally or physically.
 2. The Holy Spirit makes up what is lacking in the Christian’s thinking, this involves filling from the Spirit (Rom. 15:13).
 3. A mental activity (Rom. 8:5-6).
- IV.** The facets of the Fruit from the Spirit that comfort (Gal. 5:22-23).
 1. **Joy**—*the mental willingness to accept and appreciate any circumstance, without resentment or frustration.*
 2. **Peace**—*an unruffled mind, an inner overriding tranquility of rationale, not an emotion.*
 - 1) Peace in the area of thought (Rom. 8:6).
 - 2) A peace not like the world’s (Jn. 14:37; 1 Thes. 5:3).
 - 3) Peace is not disorder, near anarchy (1 Cor. 14:33).
 - 4) Not a ‘push over’ (Rom. 16:20).
 - 5) Peace guards the heart—emotions (Phil. 4:7; Col. 3:15).
 - 6) Peace in the realm of the Kingdom of God (Rom. 14:17; 1 Thes. 2:12).
 - 7) Peace binds Christians in unanimity (Eph. 4:3).
 - 8) The Gospel of peace (Eph. 6:15; Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:14-15).
- V.** Peace from God contrasted with the peace with God (Eph. 6:15; Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:14-15).