
The Process of Being Filled (Drunk with New Wine)

The Fullness of the Holy Spirit

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Sermon: The Fullness of the Holy Spirit: The Process of Being Filled (Drunk with New Wine)

Previous Series Messages: “Growing in the Spirit of God”

- We dealt with the Holy Spirit being a Coach, Teacher, Reminder in several messages including **Grow Up or Swell Up, The Purpose of the Holy Spirit, and the 7 Roles of the Holy Spirit.**

New Series Messages: “The Fullness of the Holy Spirit”

Lesson Text

Ephesians 5:15–20 (AV)¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Matthew 9:14–17 (AV)¹⁴ Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? ¹⁵ And Jesus said unto them, **Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.** ¹⁶ **No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.** ¹⁷ **Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.**

Introduction

In our last series talked about the one of the roles of the Holy Spirit was to bring a level of behavioral control through the process of being filled; in which we will expand on in a New Series “The Fullness of the Holy Spirit”

The Fullness of the Holy Spirit is about experience all of what God intended for us through the Holy Spirit, which occurs when we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit is A Continuous Process, Not Simply A Singular Event.

Over The next several weeks we will look at Eight Steps to Being Filled with the Holy Spirit:

1. Submitting to the Holy Spirit
2. Convicted by the Holy Spirit
3. Guided by the Holy Spirit
4. Obeying the Holy Spirit
5. Studying the Holy Spirit
6. Fasting with the Holy Spirit
7. New Life in the Holy Spirit
8. Transformed by the Holy Spirit

Unfortunately, many Christians never experience the Fullness of the Holy Spirit because they never follow-through with the process of being Filled with the Holy Spirit.

Why? Because again, they look at it as a singular event as opposed to a continuous process.

Today we want to look at being filled with the Holy Spirit by Juxtaposing it with Wine.

Ephesians 5: ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Just as wine controls and influences the flesh when we become filled with alcohol, the Holy Spirit provides control and influence on our spirit when we become filled with the Holy Ghost.

He changes our behavior, changes our mind, changes our attitude so that we walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit of God.

Our second lesson text looks at the process by looking at old wine & wine bottles vs. new wine.

Matthew 9: ¹⁷ Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

The “bottles” were the wineskins of that day fashioned of animal skin. If you put new wine into a new wineskin, it would expand. But if you put new wine in old wineskin, it would burst because it had already been expanded by the old wine and had no room for expansion.

Spiritually the Old Wine and Old Wineskins are Sins of the World and our Flesh. It has already been shaped and formed by this World and controls us through wicked drunkenness.

God gives us the New Wine of the Holy Spirit. If we try to put it in our old fleshly wineskin, it will burst, and the wine will be lost. So we need a new wineskin, a new body to hold our new Holy Wine so that we can become Spiritually Drunk, Controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Series and Sermon: The Fullness of the Holy Spirit: The Process of Being Filled (Drunk with New Wine)

“Spiritually Drunk with A New Walk, A New Look, and A New Talk”

I. Drunk with A New Walk

Ephesians 5: ¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

The Walk of Old Wine (Our Flesh and the Lust of this World) is an aimless walk just like a drunk man. He’s in a hurry stumbling around with no where to go.

Ephesians 2:2 (AV)² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

It is a drunken walk that is antithetical to the will of God for your life.

Ephesians 2:3 (AV)³ Among whom also we all had our conversation (behavior) in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

As David implied when he said he was shaped in iniquity and conceived in sin, he was saying his nurture and nature was based on wrath, wickedness, bitterness, and evil; driven by an uncontrollable desire of the flesh for the lusts of the flesh, eyes, and the pride of life.

The New Wine of the Holy Spirit gives us a New Walk

Ephesians 5: ¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

The Holy Spirit keeps us from being a fool drunk on our flesh, but wise drunk on the Spirit. We still don't know where we're going, but now our steps are ordered by God.

Psalms 37: ²³ The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Psalms 23:1–3 (AV)¹ The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Jeremiah 29:11 (AV)¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

II. Drunk with A New Look

Matthew 9: ¹⁶ **No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.**

The look of Old Wine is the look that comes from ungodliness, sin, and wickedness. Just as a person's look deteriorates when they are in a constant state of drunkenness, so it with the wine of sin and wickedness on our flesh.

Jesus says in our lesson text, "I haven't come to sew patches on an old garment. I have come to present a new garment, something which is altogether new." In other words, you can't take the new wine of the Holy Spirit and cover up the old garments of sin and the flesh.

When people get saved, but fail to get filled with the Holy Ghost, that become guilty of attempting to put new cloth on an old dirty garment.

We are attempting to use the New Spirit of God to cover up old dirty sin, filthy wickedness, and ungodly behavior; but the more we attempt to cover it up, it keeps peeking out on the other side.

As a result, the world sees what peeking out, and calls all of us Hypocrites. And although all things are lawful (God will forgive us), they are not expedient (People want forgive us).

"Peak-A-Boo" – "I See You"

The New Wine of the Holy Spirit gives us a New Look

When we get filled with the Holy Ghost, He doesn't just cover our wicked heart, He creates in us a Clean heart.

Psalms 51:4–5 (AV)⁴ Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest. ⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psalm 51:7 (AV)⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psalm 51:10 (AV)¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

When you become filled with the Holy Ghost, He doesn't Cover You Up, He Cleans You Up; He doesn't Fix the Old You, he Creates a New You!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (AV)¹⁷ Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

III. Drunk with A New Talk

Ephesians 5: ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

When we are filled with the Spirit, we become Spiritual Drunk and

- We Get a New Walk that orders our steps and leads us in the path of righteousness
- We Get a New Look in which we no longer Cover Up, we Clean Up; God doesn't Fix the Old You, He Creates a New You
- Finally we Get a New Talk, that overcomes our Doubt and Fear with Faith and Praise.

The Talk of Old wine is a talk of defeat, a talk a doubt, a talk of disbelief, and a talk of fear.

When the flesh is drunk, the worse comes out; cursing, anger, bitterness, depression, and hurt.

The New Wine of the Holy Spirit gives us a New Talk

Ephesians 5: ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs

Ephesians 5: ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are drunk with a New Song

- Psalm 96: ¹ O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth
- Isaiah 54:1–3 (AV)¹ Sing, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear; break forth into singing, ... ² Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: ... ³ For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; ...

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are drunk with a New Praise

- Psalm 34: ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth
- Psalm 107: ¹ O give thanks unto the LORD for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (AV)¹⁶ Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Eight Steps to Being Filled (Drunk with New Wine))

Study Tools:

- Sermon Video & Notes: <https://victoriouspraise.org/>
- Bibles, Commentaries, Dictionaries: <https://biblehub.com/tools.htm>
- Book Source: ["The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit"](#); Read the Following Chapters:
 - "Everyday Questions and Answers"
 - "How do you become filled with the Holy Spirit"

Lesson Text

- Ephesians 5:15–20, Matthew 9:14–17

Sermon Outline

- I. Spiritually Drunk with A New Walk
- II. Spiritually Drunk with A New Look
- III. Spiritually Drunk with A New Talk

Questions

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. Would you rather have the ugliest house in a beautiful neighborhood or have the most beautiful house in an ugly neighborhood?
2. If you could interview one person from the Bible (other than Jesus), who would it be and what three questions would you ask them?
3. Which emoji is your favorite to use? OR If using emojis is not your thing, which emoji [below] best reflects your demeanor when you wake up in the mornings?



II. Into the Bible

1. Read the following few verses along with the lesson text in Matthew 9: 14-17: Matthew 6:16; Matthew 11:2-3, Matthew 11:18 and Acts 19:1-4. Considering what you see in those verses, answer the following:
 - a. Why do you think the disciples of John the Baptist fasted often?
 - b. Why do you think the Pharisees fasted often?
 - c. Referencing Sunday's sermon, describe the need of both groups in parts a. and b. for a new walk, a new look and a new talk.
2. Read Acts 4:1-12 (noting especially v. 8) and Acts 4:21-37 (noting especially v. 31). These passages reference specific *times* that the disciples, including Peter and John, were filled with the Holy Ghost. What attitudes, actions or behaviors do you see accompanied being filled? How could a lifestyle of being constantly filled with the Holy Spirit change our lives and impact in the world today?

III. Life Application

1. How does your new walk demonstrate the Christian life? What influence does it have on others?
2. There may be pressures in life that may "tend to drive one to drink." What would you say to someone about the benefits of being filled with the Spirit versus being drunk with wine?

Prayer:

- **Prayer Request:**
- **Personal Prayer:**