
Walking In The Spirit (Drunk in the Spirit)

The Walk of Holiness

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Sermon: The Walk of Holiness: Walking In The Spirit (Drunk in the Spirit)

Lesson Text

Galatians 5:16–18 (AV)¹⁶ *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. ¹⁸ But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Ephesians 5:17–20 (AV)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;

Introduction

Last week, we began a new series on “The Walk of Holiness”.

The Thesis of this Series is that Holiness is a lifestyle that can only be achieved when we Walk in the Spirit of God. This Walk deals with our calling, our purpose, our flesh, our sin, our anointing, and our power.

Last week, we talked about “Walk After the Spirit (Guilty but Proven Innocent)”. We do not live in condemnation, guilt, or shame but we walk after Liberty, Righteousness, and Life; No Condemnation when I feel guilty, No Incrimination when I look guilty, and No Obliteration when my judgement is guilty.

Today, we want to begin to break down our theme passage for this series, Galatians 5:16 (AV)¹⁶ *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

The objective of this message is how does one go about not fulfilling the lust of the flesh.

1 John 2:16 (AV)¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

What John is teaching us here is that our walk is constantly influenced by our flesh, our eyes, and our pride. And Paul said that even when we want to do good, evil is present.

This is why we must not only receive the Holy Spirit to help us in this walk so that we can resist this influence, but become Drunk in the Spirit so that we change our walk.

Now, to be drunk means to be affected by alcohol to the extent of losing control of one's faculties or behavior; to be intoxicated, inebriated, drunken, and under the influence.

But instead of letting alcohol put you under its influence, get drunk in the Spirit to Walk under the influence of the Holy Ghost.

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“Drunk in the Word, Drunk in the Spirit, Drunk in Your Praise”

I. Drunk in the Word (The Will of God)

Ephesians 5:17 (AV)¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

The first key to not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh is getting Drunk in the Word.

Have you ever seen a person who curses so much that they curse even when they aren't thinking about it? It just flows. Why? Because cursing is in them.

Or better yet, do you know someone who lies, lies, and lies even when there is no reason to lie? Again why? Because they have lies in them.

John 8:44 (AV)⁴⁴ **Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**

Luke 6:45 (AV)⁴⁵ **A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.**

Matthew 12:37 (AV)³⁷ **For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**

Proverbs 18:21 (AV)²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Get Drunk in the Word, so that you can Walk in the Will of God

The Word of God is the Will of God, and when you get it on the inside of you, it comes out without you even thinking about it because you're drunk in the Word!

Psalms 1:1–3 (AV)¹ Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The flesh wants you to walk the path of death (the wages of sin is death), but the Word of God leads to life.

Psalms 119:11 (AV)¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Romans 12:2 (AV)² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

II. Drunk in the Spirit (The Steps of God)

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

The second key to not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh is getting Drunk in the Spirit

As Christians we all have the spirit, but we may not necessarily be filled with the Spirit. It's like the difference between having a drink and being tore up!

Too many of us just get a sip of the Spirit on Sunday morning; and as a result, we feel good, we get a slight buzz, but we are not under the influence.

Don't just get a Spiritual Buzz, Get Drunk in the Spirit

When you accept Christ, we have two Spirits within us fighting for control: Your Flesh (the human spirit) and The Holy Spirit (the spirit of Christ). And the one that wins is the one that you feed.

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Romans 8:5 (AV)⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

If your mind is on carnal things, you will be carnal. But if you keep your mind on Christ, you will be drunk in the Spirit. And when you're under the influence of the Spirit, He will guide and order your steps based on the Word you have inside of you.

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

Matthew 6:13 (AV)¹³ **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

III. Drunk in Your Praise (The Voice of God)

Ephesians 5:19-20 (AV)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;

The final key to not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh is getting Drunk in your Praise. Drunk in the Word is getting the Will of God inside of you. Drunk in the Spirit is allowing that Word to

order your steps. And finally Drunk in your Praise is allowing the Word in you to come out of you.

Earlier, we learned, Proverbs 18:21 (AV)²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

When you are filled with the Word, ordered by the Word, you need to Speak the Word.

First, we must get Drunk in our Praises by Singing to ourselves for encouragement:

- Ephesians 5:19 (AV)¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- 1 Samuel 30:6 (AV)⁶ And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.
- Psalm 34:1–3 (AV)¹ I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. ² My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad. ³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Finally, we must get Drunk in our Praises and Sing to our God for Strength:

- Ephesians 5:20 (AV) ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- 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.
- Nehemiah 8:10 (AV)¹⁰ ... for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.
- Philippians 4:13 (AV)¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Walking In The Spirit (Drunk in the Spirit))

Lesson Text

- Galatians 5:16–18, Ephesians 5:17–20

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *Drunk in the Word (The Will of God)*

II. *Drunk in the Spirit (The Steps of God)*

III. *Drunk in the Praise (The Voice of God)*

Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday's Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. Which one do you like best: Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts / Burger King or McDonald's / Exxon or BP / Pizza Hut or Dominos / Chick-fil-a chicken sandwich or Popeyes chicken sandwich?
2. What's your drink preference: iced coffee or hot coffee / iced tea or hot tea / room temperature water or cold water / diet drinks or regular drinks / Kool-aid or lemonade ?

II. Into the Bible

1. In Ephesians 4:1, Paul begs the believers to "lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God" (NLT). What are the elements of such a worthy walk as described in Ephesians 4:2-3? How is this lifestyle the same as, or different from, walking in the Spirit?
2. According to Jude verses 20-23, what behaviors are shown by those who walk in the Spirit?

III. Life Application

1. Are there certain scriptures or songs that you use to start your day? If so, share them with your growth group. If you don't have any, what scriptures or songs will you start using?
2. Daily feeding of the Word is essential for good spiritual health. Besides studying the weekly lesson assignment, what other methods do you use to study the Word? How can you apply what you have studied in order to be drunk in the Spirit?