

God's Filling Station!

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Ephesians 5:18-19

Two dimensions of the working of God's Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian

❖ Preservation

"In Him you also, when you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory." Ephesians 1:13-14

❖ Power

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31

↳ God's power is supernatural!

Contrast between Worldliness and Godliness

❖ Worldliness

"...do not get drunk with wine..."

2 Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."*

↳ When discussing drinking most Christians will quote John 2 when Jesus turned water into wine, or 1 Timothy 5:23 where Paul told Timothy to use a little wine for his stomach. Several other Scriptures send a message of caution!

📖 *Proverbs 31:1-9*

📖 *Proverbs 20:1 "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise."*

📖 *Proverbs 23:29-35*

❖ Godliness

"...be filled with the Spirit..."

↳ What is produced by the filling of the Spirit?

Supernatural Courage to clearly proclaim the gospel to the Sanhedrin who had crucified Jesus!
Acts 4:8-12

Supernatural Boldness to speak God's Word!
Acts 4:31

Supernatural Peace while being martyred for faith in Jesus!
Acts 7:55

Supernatural Power to confront the devil!
Acts 13:9-10

↳ Not all Christians are equally filled with the Spirit.

☞ Some Christians “quench” the Spirit! *1 Thessalonians 5:19*

Quench: “To extinguish; to put out; ... to repress; ...”¹

How? The Spirit can be quenched by our responses to His leading! *1 Thessalonians 5:14-21*

☞ Some Christians “grieve” the Spirit! *Ephesians 4:30*

Grieve: “To give pain of mind to; ... to make sorrowful; ... to displease; ...”¹

How? The Spirit can be grieved by the words we use! *Ephesians 4:29*

Proverbs 18:21 “*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.*”

↳ Christians can maintain the filling of the Spirit by ...

... Worshipping God in our daily lives!

✓ Obedience to God’s Word

Acts 5:32 “*And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.*”

✓ Prayer

Luke 11:13 “*If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!*”

... Worshipping God in our corporate lives!

✓ Speaking and addressing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs – desiring to encourage others in the Lord

Psalms: God’s Word put to musical accompaniment

Hymns: A song of praise addressed to God²

Spiritual Songs: Songs revealed by the Holy Spirit in harmony with the character of God.

✓ Singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart!

Psalms 40:2-3 “*He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.*”

📖 *Psalms 33:1-5*

📖 *Psalms 89:1* “*I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.*”

📖 *1 Chronicles 16:8-11*

📖 *Psalms 105:1-4*

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Endnotes:

¹ Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

² Vine, W.E. *Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997.

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