

Be Filled in Spirit

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is
dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit
— Ephesians 5:18

- Not a good or religious man, but a Christ-man
- Contacting God with a contrite spirit
- Contacting God by Abiding in Him

**Our
Human
Spirit**

Not a good or religious man, but a Christ-man

What do you think it means to contact God in a definite and prevailing way?

According to Ephesians 5:18-21, what does being filled in spirit look like?

God is not after a good or religious man, but a Christ-man

- A good man: Does not need to even believe in God, but always desires to have good behavior and good deeds.
- A religious man: Believes in God, may be saved, reads the word, does all the Christians things, but is spiritually dead.
- **A Christ-man:** Contacts God in a definite and prevailing way and becomes one with Christ and is filled with Christ. To be a Christ-man is to be a living Christian, a spiritual man, one who follows Christ and is filled with Christ. Such a one exudes the life of God.

To be filled with Christ is to be filled with the Spirit because Christ is the Spirit and the Spirit is of Christ.

- And the Lord is the Spirit – 2 Corinthians 3:17a
- The Last Adam Became a life-giving Spirit – 1 Corinthians 15:45b
- But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him. – Rom 8:9

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- ... **19** Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming with your heart to the Lord, **20** Giving thanks at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father, **21** Being subject to one another in the fear of Christ
- If we are only good or religious, we are dead.
- Only when we are spiritual (filled in spirit) can we be living and functioning Christians.

Contacting God with a contrite spirit

Sample Prayers

“Lord, be merciful to me! There must be something wrong with me. Week after week I attend Christian meetings, study the Word, and pray, but I am still so dead and weak, and for many years I have not brought one soul to You.”

“Lord, I am sinful. I am the most sinful person in the whole world.”

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. - 1 John 1:5

- We need to come to the Lord in an honest way. We can open to the Lord and let Him shine on our condition.
- Then, when we are in God's presence there is light. By being in His light we become aware of any darkness within us.

Confessing our true inward condition is the only way to be filled in spirit.

- Isaiah 66:1 Thus says Jehovah, / Heaven is My throne, / And the earth the footstool for My feet. / Where then is the house that you will build for Me, / And where is the place of My rest?
- Isaiah 66:2 For all these things My hand has made, / And so all these things have come into being, declares Jehovah. / **But to this kind of man will I look, to him who is poor / And of a contrite spirit**, and who trembles at My word.
- To be contrite is to have a feeling of remorse or to express remorse. When you have a contrite spirit you are truly regretful and sorry for your sins and shortcomings.

Jehovah is near to those who are broken in heart, / And He saves those who are contrite in spirit – Psalm 34:18

- Through our repentance and because of the blood of Jesus, God forgives all our sins and shortcomings and fills our spirit.
- To be filled in spirit, we need to contact God with a contrite spirit

Contacting God by Abiding in Him

Sample Prayers

“Lord, here I am. I am ready to be searched by You. I am ready for You to meet me, break me, and speak to me. I am ready. Lord, here I am.”

“Lord, I am not here to ask anything of You. I am just here. Lord, search me, enlighten me, and bring me into Your presence and light.”

If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you – John 15:7

What it's like to abide in the Lord and to have His words abide in us.

- Drop our concepts
- Turn to our spirit
- Care for God's desire
- Touch His heart until His desire becomes our desire
- This is to be mingled with God and to allow Him to initiate and motivate our prayers.
- Then we ask whatever we will (according to His desire) and it is done for us.

If we come to the Lord already full, then we cannot receive anything from Him.

- If we come to the Lord, practicing to drop all our concepts and to not initiate anything, truly waiting on Him, He will mingle Himself with us, share His desires with us, and we will be filled in spirit.
- We might trust that God will do everything for us when we ask Him.
- But do we trust that God will fill us in spirit as we wait on Him?
- Finally, do we trust that being filled in spirit will accomplish so many things?

(Sample prayers are from the book: *Contacting the Lord, Being Filled in Spirit, and Having Proper Christian Meetings for the Accomplishment of God's Eternal Purpose, Chapter 3*)