



## Teaching Notes: Ray Davis

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"SPIRIT-filled"

[Eph. 5:18-21]

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## [Eph. 5:18-21] "MEANS"

The Spirit-filled life gives you what people go to the bottle to get and that is the ability to face reality. Alcohol makes you happy because it dulls your sense of reality. Spirit-filled life makes you joyful because it increases your sense of reality of God's grace working in your life. People also drink to party, but there is no greater party than the Spirit-filled life. It is the most amazing life you could ever hope or dream to live!

### What is the Means to the Spirit-filled life?

- 1) It is not optional but a command that includes everyone. It is in the imperative mood and it is plural rather than in the singular form.  
[1 John 5:3] [Matt. 22:37]
- 2) It is not something that I can control but can place myself in a position to receive it. It is in the passive voice, the object has something acting upon it from the outside. [Rom. 8:5-6] [Gal. 5:16]
- 3) It is a repeated event leading to a continuous thing, where the word of God dwells in you richly. "Be BEING filled with the Holy Spirit" – continually give over control of your life to Him.  
[Col. 3:16-17] [Luke 24:27, 30-32]
- 4) It is heart experience based on the objective truth of God's Word. [John 4:23-24]

- 5) It can be experienced at Salvation (Acts 9), in the process of Sanctification (Spiritual Disciplines, Obedience vv19-21), and extraordinary times of greater illumination (retreats, fasting and prayer, times of crisis). [Acts 4:31] [Rom. 8:16]
- 6) It is a pursuit of the experience maker (Giver) not the experience (Gifts) because His love is better than life. (Jer. 29:13; Heb. 11:6; Matt. 6:5-6) [Ps. 63:1-5]



# Growing

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- 1) The Spirit-filled life gives you what people go to the bottle to get. Alcohol makes you happy because it dulls your sense of reality. Spirit-filled life makes you joyful because it increases your sense of the reality of God's grace working in your life. In what area(s) of your life do you need an increase of the reality of God's grace?
  
- 2) Read Eph. 5:18-21. Paraphrase v18 into your own words. This is not optional but a commandment. What does 1 John 5:3 say about God's commandments? This commandment is not just for super saints (Billy Graham types) but for everyone. Explain.
  
- 3) Being Spirit-filled is not something that I can control but I can place myself in a position to receive it. How do these verses apply? (Rom. 8:5-6; Gal. 5:16) How does Col. 3:16-17 mirror Eph. 5:18-21? What role does the Word of God play in the Spirit-filled life?
  
- 4) Why is the Spirit-filled life heart experience based on objective truth of God's Word (John 4:23-24)? What happens when you have experience without truth or truth without experience? What are the three ways the Spirit-filled life can be experienced (#5 from sermon notes)? What are some of your experiences?
  
- 5) Why is it important to not to seek the experience (gifts) but the experience maker (Giver)? How do you know the difference (Jer. 29:13; Heb. 11:6; Matt. 6:5-6)? Make Ps. 63:3-