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"SPIRIT-filled"

[Eph. 5:18-21]

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What is the Magnitude of the Spirit-filled life?

1) It is a relationship with the third person of the trinity who is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father and God the Son (the Lord Jesus Christ). The Holy Spirit is a person who possesses intellect (1 Cor. 2:11), emotion (Rom. 15:30) and will (1 Cor. 12:11). [Acts 5:3-4]

2) The Holy Spirit is the Helper who the Father sent to be with the Church after Christ ascended into heaven coming to live within those who put their faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. [Jn 14:16-17] [1 Cor 3:16]

3) It does not mean that we receive more of the Holy Spirit, but that we give Him more of ourselves. As we yield our lives to the Holy Spirit He has greater freedom to work in and through our lives in order to better exalt and glorify Christ. (Rom. 8:4-11, 12:1-2) [Eph. 4:17-24]

"Drunk" = Gr. Intoxicated (Soaked, saturated with, dominated by). To be drunk is not how much alcohol you have but how much alcohol has you.

4) It is unlike drunkenness which is a squandering of your life (time, talents, finances, chastity, etc.) but a life that leads to discipline, balance and maturity.

[Gal. 5:16-17] "Debauchery" = Gr. A wasted, uncontrolled, immoral life. Luke 15:13 "reckless living" (same word).

5) It is like drunkenness in that it gives you what people go to the bottle to get and that is the ability to face reality. Drunkenness dulls your perception of reality where as Spirit-filled life intensifies your perception of reality. (Ps. 121; Eph. 1:17-23, 3:16-19; Col. 3:16-17) [2 Kings 6:15-17] [Luke 24:30-32]

Spirit-Filled hearts are ablaze with the truth of the beauty, splendor and glory of who Jesus is and what He has done that exceeds all competing perspectives, passions and priorities.



Growing

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- 1) If I told you I had an encounter with God and He entered my life to empower me with His presence to live a radically different kind of life, what would you expect to see? In general do you think those outside the church see any difference in those inside the church? Explain.
- 2) When was the last time you saw the Holy Spirit undeniably at work in or around you? Read Eph. 5:18-21. How would you respond to someone who says the Holy Spirit is a force (it)? Jesus said the one who would come and live within us would be just like Him (John 14:16-17). If I really believed that how would it impact my life?
- 3) What does 1 Cor. 3:16 mean to you? Being Spirit-filled is not receiving more of the Holy Spirit but that we give Him more of ourselves. Explain it as it relates to these verses: (Rom. 8:4-11, 12:1-2; Eph. 4:17-24).
- 4) What is “debauchery” and how is it the opposite of the Spirit-filled life? In what area(s) of your life are you needing more discipline, balance and maturity? Debauchery can also be translated exhausted. God will never give you more to do than you can do in His power and strength. What does it say about a person who is burned-out?
- 5) The Spirit-filled life gives to you what people go to the bottle (alcohol) to get. What is it? How does the Spirit-filled life intensify your perception of reality? (2 Kings 6:15-17; Ps. 121; Luke 24: 30-32; Eph. 1:17-23, 3:16-19; Col. 3:16-17)? Pray that your heart will be ablaze with the truth of God’s Word to face whatever reality you may have at hand!