

# MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

## EPHESIANS - FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT

MARCH 20, 2017

### I. THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT IN THE CONTEXT OF EPHESIANS

#### A. The Church is the body of Christ - His fullness on earth

1. Dominated by faith
2. Expressing and experiencing love

#### B. The outworking of our high calling in Christ

1. Body life - Eph. 4:1-16
2. Putting on Christ - Eph. 4:17-5:14
  - a. Expressing love in the body - Eph. 4:17-32
  - b. Expressing love to those outside the body - Eph. 5:1-4
    - (1) Key is the need to be light

### II. FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT IN THE CONTEXT OF EPHESIANS 5:15-6:9

#### A. Call to purposeful living - Eph. 5:15-18

#### B. Outworking of purposeful living - Eph. 5:19-6:9

1. Life of praise - Eph. 5:19
2. Life of thanksgiving - Eph. 5:20
3. Life of submission - Eph. 5:21-6:9

*Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.*

~ Ephesians 5:15-18

*Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*

~ Colossians 3:16-17

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## III. EXPANSION ON THE CALL TO PURPOSEFUL LIVING

### A. Three parallel commands

1. Be careful how you walk...as wise
  - a. Making the most of your time
  - b. Redeeming your opportunities
2. Do not be foolish
  - a. Understand the will of God
3. Do not waste your life in drunkenness
  - a. Be filled with the Spirit

### B. Be filled with the Spirit

1. Body is the fullness of Him (Christ) who fills all in all
2. Prayer is to be filled to all the fullness of God
3. Goal of our teaching - measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ
4. Be filled with the Spirit

*And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

~ Ephesians 1:22-23

*And to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

~ Ephesians 3:19

*Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.*

~ Ephesians 4:13