

MONDAY NIGHT MEETING

EPHESIANS - FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT (2)

MARCH 27, 2017

I. FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BIBLE

A. Old Testament men who were equipped for a purpose

B. New Testament

1. Luke - Primarily around the Christmas story
2. Acts
 - a. Filled to perform a service
 - b. Full as a characteristic of life
3. Ephesians - Be filled with the Spirit
 - a. This should be associated with the idea of fullness from the book of Acts

II. HOW CAN I BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

A. God must do it; all I can do is put myself in a place for Him to work

B. Key thought for us is cooperation with the Spirit

1. God is at work in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure

C. Basic requirements from a consideration of the whole New Testament

1. Desire
2. Cleanness
3. Surrender
4. Faith

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

~ Philippians 2:12-13

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III. WHAT DO WE FIND IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

A. Review of “fullness”

1. *And gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the **fullness of Him** who fills all in all*
2. *That you may be **filled up to all the fullness of God***
3. *To the measure of the stature which belongs to the **fullness of Christ***
4. **Be filled with the Spirit**
5. Fullness used by Paul of joy, knowledge, fruits of righteousness, unrighteousness, comfort...

B. Spirit in Ephesians

1. Sealed - Eph. 1:13
2. Spirit of wisdom and revelation - Eph 1:17
3. Access to the Father in the Spirit - Eph. 2:18
4. Build into a dwelling of God in the Spirit
- Eph. 2:22
5. Strengthened by the Spirit unto faith and love
- Eph. 3:16
6. Unity of the body by the Spirit - Eph. 4:3
7. One body and one Spirit - Eph. 4:4
8. Do not grieve the Spirit - Eph. 4:30
9. Be filled with the Spirit - Eph. 5:18
10. Word is the sword of the Spirit - Eph. 6:17
11. Pray in the Spirit - Eph. 6:18

C. Exhortations surrounding *be filled with the Spirit*

1. Make the most of your time
2. Understand the will of God
3. **Be filled with the Spirit**
4. Speak to one another in Psalms and hymns
5. Give thanks in all things
6. Be subject to one another

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

May be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

~ Ephesians 3:18-19

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

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.

~ Ephesians 5:18