

Be Filled by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:8b-21)

Water of Life

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Review

New Exposition: Ephesians 5:8b-21

5:15 [Based on the fruitfulness of living as God's enlightened children] bels should give attention to living wisely, not foolishly

What is foolish living (in Ephesians)? What is wise living (in Ephesians)?

5:16 [The way to live wisely is by using time productively, because [living by default] in evil days [is to live unproductively]

How does one redeem the time (per Ephesians)?

What does Paul mean (per Ephesians) that the days are evil?

5:17 [Based on the need for living wisely] bels ought not become foolish, but ought to understand God's will

How (per Ephesians) would one live unwisely?

What (per Ephesians) is the will of God?

5:18 [Specifically] bels ought not be drunk (a form of dissipation) but ought to let the (Holy) Spirit fill them [with the Word]

Does it prohibit drinking wine?

What about drugs? Gal 5:20; Rev 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15

A classic argument for letting *barking dogs* lie:

Barking-Dog Rule:	Aorist	Present
Positive Command	Start _____ing	Keep on _____ing
Negative Prohibition	Don't start _____ing	Stop _____ing

Prohibition against being drunk, which is debauchery

Passive command regarding the (Holy) Spirit and filling

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5:19a [The first result of the Spirit filling them with the Word is that] they speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual odes

5:19b [The second result of the Spirit filling them w/ the Word is that] they sing unto the Lord

5:20 [The third result of the Spirit filling them with the Word is that] they always give thanks to the Father in Christ's name for everything

5:21 [The fourth result of the Spirit filling them with the Word is that] they be in mutual submission to each other

Relationship of this verse to 5:22–6:9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Husband	Husband	Husband	Husband	Wife	Wife	Wife	Wife
Parent	Parent	Child	Child	Parent	Parent	Child	Child
Master	Slave	Master	Slave	Master	Slave	Master	Slave

In 5:22–6:9, there are eight fully overlapping possibilities (above).