

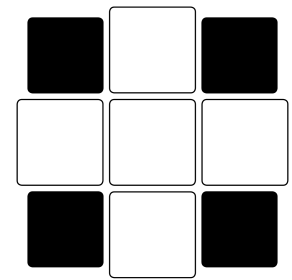
# He Fills

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15–21

Series: The Holy Spirit

Sunday, June 29, 2014

Corroborating Texts: Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 14:17; 15:13;  
Philippians 3:9



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## Overview

The filling of the Spirit is an ongoing, increasing, and growing influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The filling of the Spirit is a passionate, controlled, leading of the Spirit.

## Discussion Questions

1. Let's review the doctrines of the Holy Spirit that we've studied so far: regeneration, indwelling, and intercession. What do these doctrines mean? How is the filling of the Holy Spirit distinct from these other doctrines?
2. What are the greatest influences in your life? [family, politics, sub-culture, celebrities, a particular school of thought] Why do these things influence you so much? How have these influences shaped you away from or towards the Lord?
3. When we talk about the filling of the Spirit, who do we normally think of? What kinds of people do we think of? Does it seem like anyone could be filled with the Spirit or only special someones?
4. Look at the fruit of the Spirit. How do you test in your life that these fruits are present? Which of these do you see in your life or in the lives of others in your community group?
5. Look at each fruit of the Spirit one by one. What does each mean? What do they each look like lived out? What do you look like without this fruit?
6. How long have you been walking with God? When you consider your walk with God, do you think you are as far along in your holiness as you would like? How is the statement, "Fruit does not ripen overnight," comforting for you in your walk with God? How have you seen yourself grow in godliness over the last year?
7. What are four things to do to be filled with the Spirit? [worship, exhortation, thanksgiving, submission] Have you ever been through a season where these things were not present? What was that like after having tasted life with them? Which of these could we do better as individuals, a community group, and a church?