Ephesians 5:18-21 (ESV) 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Christianity is a relational faith. And Life in the Spirit is not just an individual experience, but corporate or relational experience.

• The Spirit's infilling results in worshiping with one another and submitting to one another.

Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV) 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Also see Ephesians 4:17-32 and 5:1-17.

Verse 21 transitions in topic – from worship to how we relate to one another.

There is a “spirit-filled” submitting, which involves a loss of pride and self that enables a person to humbly serve others.

1. The Exhortations

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV) And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

The 2 Commands:

“Do not get drunk with wine”

“be filled with the Spirit”

These two commands are followed by 5 participles:

“addressing, singing, making, giving, and submitting”
The Spirit fills us with the fullness of God (Eph 3:19), which leads us to conformity to Christ (4:13), and a surrender to his Lordship.

**Ephesians 3:19** and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Ephesians 4:13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

- “be filled”

**A Commandment: Be Filled**

**A Continual Commandment:** Literally, “be filled with the Spirit continually.”