

**Walking as Children of Light:
Be Filled with the Holy Spirit**

Ephesians 5:15-21

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How do we Walk in the Light?

- (1) Look carefully how you walk, not as unwise but as wise (v. 15);
- (2) Make the best use of your time, because the days are evil (16);
- (3) Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is (v. 17);
- (4) Do not be drunk with wine, but be filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 18).

To be filled with the Spirit...

- (1) We must speak to one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs;
- (2) We must sing and make melody to the Lord in our hearts;
- (3) We must give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- (4) We must submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

The Words for “Worship”

1. In the Old Testament there are essentially two words for “worship”:
 - a. *Abad*, which means to obey or serve.
 - b. *Shaha*, which means to bown down, kneel, or prostrate oneself before a superior.

2. In the New Testament there is one main word for “worship”:
 - a. *Proskuneo*, which also means to bown down, kneel, or prostrate oneself before a superior.

Here's the Picture...

1. The basis for true worship is that God is infinitely superior to us, and we are infinitely inferior to him.
2. The essence of true worship is awe and humility.
 - a. Awe is most often expressed through singing and otherwise praising God.
 - b. Humility is most often expressed through submission and obedience to God.

Worship is like a Coin...



*Praise is the expression of awe,
submission is the expression of humility.*

Worship is like a Garden...



There can be no garden without the soil, and there can be no praise without submission.

Here's the Plan...

1. Talk about what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit;
2. Work our way through the four things Paul mentions in Ephesians 5:19-21:
 - a. Speak to one another in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs;
 - b. Sing and make melody to the Lord in your heart;
 - c. Give thanks always and for everything;
 - d. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

What is the Role of the Spirit in Worship?

1. The Spirit seals believers and guarantees their inheritance in Christ (Eph. 1:13-14).

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

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2. The Spirit mediates our access to God (Eph. 2:18).

*“For through him we both have access **in one Spirit** to the Father.”*

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3. The Spirit knits together the body of Christ (Eph. 2:22).

“In him [Christ] you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

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4. The Spirit mediates the power of God to us, a power that enables us behold God and comprehend God and be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:14-19).

What is the Role of the Spirit in Worship?

1. The Spirit guarantees the conditions for worship by sealing us for God;
2. The Spirit creates the possibility of worship by escorting us into the presence of God;
3. The Spirit fashions the context of worship by knitting us together with the body of Christ;
4. The Spirit empowers worship by enabling us to behold and comprehend and be filled with the fullness of God.