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Read Ephesians 5:18-21

Ephesians 5:18-19 TPT

¹⁸ *And don't get drunk with wine, which is rebellion; instead be filled with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.*

¹⁹ *And your hearts will overflow with a joyful song to the Lord Jehovah. Keep speaking to each other with words of Scripture, singing the Psalms with praises and spontaneous songs given by the Spirit!*

There is an overflow of being filled with the Spirit, much like there is of being full of wine, except in a godly, positive sense. Drunkenness leads to all kinds of sinful behaviour, whereas being filled with the fullness of the Spirit results in a heart of worship and thanksgiving and a life of submission to the Father and his people.

Jesus died for our sins, was buried, then resurrected and ascended to the right hand of the Father so He could "pour out" His Spirit on us (Acts 2:3). The promised Holy Spirit has been given as a gift to those who receive Christ, to help us, strengthen us, comfort us, guide us, teach us, be our advocate, etc.

Paul commands us to be continuously filled with the Spirit. Ask Jesus to fill you with the fullness of His Spirit. He will!

Ask and you will receive (Luke 11:13). Jesus said, speaking of the Spirit, "***If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'***" (John 7:37-38)

Application

1. What is God saying to you through this passage?
2. Have you received the fullness of the Holy Spirit?
3. Continue to hunger and thirst after God and drink of His Spirit every day. We need Him in our lives!

Prayer

Thank you Father for giving us Your Son to die for us and Your Spirit to be with us forever. Help us to live wisely and carefully, making the best use of our time and fill us with the fullness of Your Holy Spirit, in **Jesus' name**. Amen.