

**How Can I Know If I Am Filled with the Spirit?
Ephesians 1:**

⁹Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: ¹⁰That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: ¹¹In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. ¹³In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The Question: What is the filling or **controlling of The Spirit?**

The answer is in Ephesians 5:18

NIV -- ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CEV ¹⁸ Don't get drunk on wine, which produces depravity. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit in the following ways:**¹⁹ speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; sing and make music to the Lord in your hearts;²⁰ always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹and submit to each other out of respect for Christ. ²²For example, wives should submit to their husbands as if to the Lord. ²³A husband is the head of his wife like Christ is head of the church, that is, the savior of the body. ²⁴So wives submit to their husbands in everything like the church submits to Christ. ²⁵As for husbands, love your wives just like Christ loved the church and gave himself for her. ²⁶He did this to make her holy by washing her in a bath of water with the word. ²⁷He did this to present himself with a splendid church, one without any sort of stain or wrinkle on her clothes, but rather one that is holy and blameless. ²⁸That's how husbands ought to love their wives—in the same way as they do their own bodies. Anyone who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹No one ever hates his own body, but feeds it and takes care of it just like Christ does for the church ³⁰because we are parts of his body. ³¹*This is why a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two of them will be one body.*³²Marriage is a significant allegory, and I'm applying it to Christ and the church. ³³In any case, as for you individually, each one of you should love his wife as himself, and wives should respect their husbands.

- It is important to know that it is a **CONTINUOUS** Action.
- Look at Acts 2:4 -- NIV- ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit *and* **(plus, in addition to, as well as)** began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
- Then Acts 4:31 --- ³¹And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.
- Eph. 5:18 express the action of being filled with The Spirit as a COMMAND!

5 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; ²And **walk in love**, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. ³*But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;* ⁴*Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient:* but rather **giving of thanks**.

⁵For this ye know, that *no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater,* hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶*Let no man deceive you with vain(ineffective, hopeless, unsuccessful) words:* for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. ⁷*Be not ye therefore partakers with them.*

⁸For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:** ⁹(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) ¹⁰Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

¹¹And *have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness,* but rather **reprove them.** ¹⁵See then that ye **walk circumspectly (with awareness), not as fools, but as wise,** ¹⁷Wherefore **be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.**

¹⁸And *be not drunk with wine,* wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit;**

How Can one be Filled with The Spirit?

The Bible teaches that the prerequisite is to TARRY – Acts 1:4-5 -- ⁴And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

⁵For John truly baptized with water; but **ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.** They tarried for the baptism of the Spirit.

What Exactly Happens When I am baptized, filled or controlled in and by the Spirit?

The answer is in

- 1 Corinthians 12:13 -- ¹But all these worketh that **one and the selfsame Spirit**, dividing to every man severally as he will. ¹²For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. ¹³For **by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

- Galatians 5:16 -- ¹⁵But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed/ **(to use something in such a way that it can not be reused)** one of another.¹⁶This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: **so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.** ¹⁸But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law

How will I know when I am filled with The Spirit?

- **Christ-likeness** – Galatians 5:22-23 -- ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
 - 3 John 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
 - Phil. 2:2 -- ²Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
 - Heb. 12:2 -- **12** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.