

In Christ: Filled with the Spirit (Part 3)
Ephesians 5:14-21

Review: You can tell when someone is "under the influence"... by the way they "move" - Acts 17:28

- They will be worshipping... edifying... giving thanks... submissively serving - Eph 5:19-21

The Spirit-filled Will Be Giving Thanks - Eph 5:20; I Thess 5:18

- Ingratitude will be dis-solving, dis-integrative - Num 11:1; 16:31-32; 21:5-6; Eph 5:18
 - ...the ungrateful will experience life apart from God's reality - Ro 1:20-25
 - ...feeling thankful may depend upon circumstances - giving God thanks does not - Acts 16:22-25
- Thanking God for "all things" is an eye opening experience - Eph 5:14
 - ...we renounce our limited and conditional interest in God
 - ...we begin to live with the eternal perspective - Jo 7:24; Col 3:1-4
 - ...spirit takes precedence over body and soul - Ga 5:16,25
- Thanking God for "all things" immerses us in the greater reality of our...
 - ...Sovereign God - Ro 11:36; Ps 119:91
 - ...Loving God - I Jo 4:8
 - ...Redemptive God - Ro 8:28,29; Eph 5:16

The Spirit-filled Will Be Subordinating Themselves to Others - Eph 5:21; Ga 5:13

- The Spirit-filled life is a poured out life - Phil 2:5-7
- The Holy Spirit is a "Humble" Spirit - Eph 4:1,2; Mk 10:45; Matt 11:29
 - ...self-indulgence is dis-solving, dis-integrative - Eph 5:18
 - ...He moves us from an ego-centric (self-centered) posture to a hetero-centric (other-centered) posture - I Pet 5:6; Lk 22:27
- The Holy Spirit is a "Holy" Spirit - Ro 5:5; Ga 4:6; I Pet 1:15-16
 - ...He always leads us into "Thy Way" over "my way" - Jo 14:6,26; 15:26; 16:13-15
 - ...Into a reverential respect for Christ that leads to a deferential concern for others - Eph 5:21
- The Holy Spirit is a "loving" Spirit - I Jo 4:8
 - ...His invitation is a Christ-like invitation to love - Ro 12:9ff
 - ...He delights to live "in" us... so He may get "out" of us - Eph 5:2