

**YOUR DAILY EXPERIENCE WITH THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT    EPHESIANS 5: 18-21**  
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**What are some of the ministries of the Holy Spirit?**

**Regeneration ( born again)-** John 3:3- To be given a new nature that can respond to the work of the Holy Spirit.

**Indwelling-** I Corinthians 3: 16, 6:19

**Baptism-** I Corinthians 12:13 ( A one-time event. Every Christian is baptized in the Holy Spirit)

**Sealing-** Ephesians 1:13, 4:30

**Gifts-** I Cor. Chapters 12-14, Romans 12, I Peter 4

**QUESTION: But I left something out; what was it? "Filling of the Holy Spirit"**

From the viewpoint of practice and daily experience the "filling of the Holy Spirit" is the most important. Filling is the part you notice and may "feel" at times.

**We have two natures as believers. I Corinthians 2**

The opposite of being filled with the Holy Spirit, is to be controlled by the flesh – carnality.

Carnality and spirituality are basically matters of control.

**QUESTION: Who runs your life?**

**TEXT: Ephesians 5: 18-21 \*\*\*\*\***

**Drunk =** disaster, waste, no purpose in it

**Filled with the Holy Spirit =** Blessing, purpose, joy, fulfillment

A drunk person is controlled by the alcohol he consumes. He acts and thinks in ways normally "unnatural" to his "normal."

The Spirit-controlled man acts in ways that are "unnaturally" to him also.

In both cases, what is now controlling them is not part of their natural life. Both the completely drunk person and the completely filled believer are controlled by an outside influence. And this is the point; everybody will notice!

**"FILLING"** is a repeated event in your life, where the other ministries of the Holy Spirit are initial; one-time events.

**Acts 2:4** Apostles were filled on day of Pentecost.

**Acts 4:31** They are filled again.

### **What are the conditions for being filled?**

Simply put: It is surrender! **Romans 12:1-2 READ**

**Surrender** helps you step into the life in the Spirit

**As you face life's problems and need to know God's will in a matter you can't also be debating in your mind whether or not you are going to do God's will.**

**Illustrations: Empty glass/ Fire gets into the iron**

**EXAMPLE 1:** If you want a glass of pure, clean, cool, water the first thing that must take place is to pour out the nasty contents of that glass. Then a cleansing of the glass; then the empty glass can be filled up. If it is not emptied, then there is no room for the pure water to fill it.

Being around the things of God does not mean the things of God are getting into you. Perhaps intellectual stimulation; but not real changes in the life. We are not in church just to get history lessons. I could be an expert on Bible history and not be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**EXAMPLE 2:** In heating iron you can see it glow red; and then the most amazing thing; the red fire make the iron glow red; **because the fire is now in the iron! WOW!**

The iron in the fire is the **surrender**; but the fire in the iron is the **filling** of the Holy Spirit.

At that point the iron is surrendered to the indwelling fire and is now completely malleable, bendable. The iron can be shaped for a useful purpose.

**Romans 12:2 READ** – When it happens to you; and the tangled mess of a lost life, or carnal life, is unraveled, and you get reshaped into usefulness; you will love it! It is the most pleasant experience! It fits you like a glove! You "proved out by experience" of surrender; then filling. Then you discover that God's will is good, acceptable, perfect for you.

You start living out of your real identity of the **new nature**; the one you were always meant to be. **Ephesians 1: 3-12**

Not the false identity you created for yourself, knowingly or unknowingly, through the **old nature**.