

Be Full of Jesus not Full of Yourself

Introduction

Ephesians 5:18-20 We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit

Philippians 1:9-11 Paul prays that they would be filled with fruit of the Holy Ghost

Romans 15:13 Paul prays that God will fill you up!

Ephesians 4:8-15 End goal is to come to the fullness of Christ

Someone that is full of Jesus can be mistaken for someone that is full of wine

Acts 2:13-18 They thought the Apostles were full of new wine, but they weren't

They accuse Jesus of being a gluttonous man and a winebibber (Matthew 11:16-19) But

Jesus didn't drink alcoholic wine for several reasons:

He was a Nazarite (Matthew 2:22-23, Numbers 6:1-8) and also is our High Priest

(Hebrews 4:14, Leviticus 10:8-11, 1 Timothy 3:3, 8)

Jesus was filled up with something, but it wasn't wine!

Things About Drunks

They will do anything to get their filling – they'll forsake all, even their family, jobs etc to get their fix; A drunk will sing on key or not – he doesn't care; Money don't matter to a drunk; People that are drunk have uncharacteristic behavior; A drunkard is not bashful, he is not afraid to fight; They'll say what they have to say and could give a flip what you think about it; They get excited, they are loud, they hoot, they holler, they shout, they have fun, they have a good time; they live and work for their filling, they will go wherever they have to go to get their filling

How do you get filled with the Holy Ghost?

First of all: If you are not saved and have not been born again, you cannot be filled with God. But there is good news for you!!! God says whosoever comes to Jesus he will in no wise cast out (John 6:37), the Lord says, whosoever will, let him come (John 7:37-39, Isaiah 55:1-3, Revelation 22:17, John 4:10-26)!

If you are saved, how do you get filled:

God calls you for a specific task (Exodus 35:30-31)

Spend time in prayer and are willing to be led of him (Luke 3:21, 4:1)

Obey God and be where God wants you to be (Acts 1:1-5, Acts 2:1-5)

Exodus 40:26-35 (the setting up of the tabernacle) After prayer, and washing your self with water, the Lord can fill up your tabernacle!

2 Chronicles 5:13-14 When you are singing as one, making one sound in praising and thanking the Lord, the Lord can fill the house.

Requires strengthening of the inner man, being rooted and grounded in love, and the knowledge of the love of Christ leads to being filled with all the fullness of God

(Ephesians 3:14-19)

Psalm 81:10 Open your mouth and the Lord will fill it! (Ezekiel 3:1-4)

You need to be righteous and have nothing to do with darkness (Ephesians 5:8-11)

Luke 11:33-36 – If your eye be single, having no part dark, your whole body shall be full

of light. If your eyes be single, fixed on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2).
Matthew 5:6-8 – You can be filled if you desire to be, It's a guarantee!
If you hunger and thirst for Jesus, he will fill you up with himself!
- His Righteousness (Matthew 6:33) is Christ (Romans 3:21-22, Philippians 3:9, Romans 10:5-13)

Your relationship needs to be right with the Lord in order to be filled!
“The LORD will have fellowship with someone that has sin in his nature, but he will not fellowship with someone that has sin in his heart.”

The Characteristics of people that are filled with Holy Ghost

All across the board, they are not ashamed to proclaim what the Lord tells them to proclaim. They speak about Jesus (Luke 1:67-80, 2:38; Mark 12:36, Acts 4:8-14)
They can testify of Jesus (Mark 13:9-11)
They speak in a loud voice whatever God gave them to say (Luke 1:41-45, Acts 2:14)
They might actually shout a little bit (Ezra 3:10-13, Psalm 5:11, 47:1-6, Isaiah 44:23, Zechariah 9:9, 1 Thessalonians 4:16)
They speak boldly (Acts 4:31)
They dispute and persuade the things concerning the kingdom of God (Acts 19:8-10)
They stand up (Acts 2:14, Psalm 94:16)
They receive revelation, and are led to certain places (Luke 2:25-32, Acts 13:4), Are taught by the Holy Ghost, Scripture brought to remembrance (John 14:26)
Speaking in other languages, O by the way, the people listening to them were able to understand them, it wasn't gibberish, and if someone did say something the people couldn't understand, there was to be an interpreter and if there was no interpreter they were to keep their mouths shut (Acts 2:1-13, 10:44-48, 1 Corinthians 14)
Often times mistaken to be drunk (Acts 2:13-15)
Full of faith and wisdom (Acts 6:3-5)
Walk in the fear of the LORD and are comforted (Acts 9:31)
Minister to the LORD (Acts 13:2)
Able to discern the spirits (Acts 13:9-10)
Filled with joy (Acts 13:52)
Filled with peace and hope (Romans 15:13)
The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts (Romans 5:5)
They sing about the LORD and are thankful (Ephesians 5:18-20)
They get to see Jesus manifested (Acts 7:54-59)!

Full of Yourself

Proverbs 14:14 Filled with your own ways
Out of the abundance of the heart (Matthew 12:34) What abounds in the heart comes out of the mouth, amen.

Being Led of the Spirit

Can two walk together, except they be agreed (Amos 3:3)
You need to pray (Genesis 24:12-27, 48)

Trust in the LORD, lean not to your own understanding, acknowledge him in all thy ways and he SHALL direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Exodus 13:17-22 Sometimes the LORD will not led you to your destination right away or the easiest way because you might get discouraged and quit easily and want to return to the world.

God only leads those he has redeemed (Exodus 15:13)

The LORD may lead you in such a way to humble thee, to prove thee, to see what was in your heart, if you would obey the LORD (Deuteronomy 8:2-3)

The LORD provides where he leads (Deuteronomy 29:5-6)

God leads with peace (Isaiah 55:12)

Sometimes you will be led into temptations and trials (Mark 4:1)

If you are led by the Spirit of God you are a son of God (Romans 8:14)

If you are led of the Spirit, you are not under the law (Galatians 5:18)

The Spirit may forbid you to do certain things, even if it's a good thing to do (Acts 16:6-10)