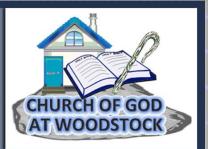
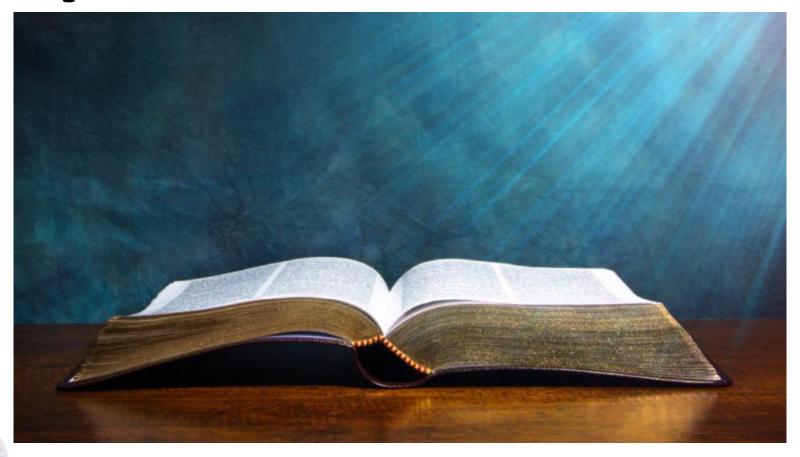
Be Filled with



A Church of God in Woodstock, Illinois



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The **fear of the LORD** is a fountain of life, to **depart from the snares of death**.

Ephesians 5:16

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1 Peter 1:18-19

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Acts 20:28

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Genesis 3:17b-19a

...cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread





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John 4:34

Jesus saith unto them, My meat [bread] is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.



Ephesians 5:17

Wherefore be ye **not unwise**, **but understanding** what the will of the Lord is.

Proverbs 19:2

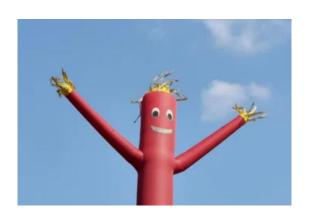
Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.

Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Philippians 2:12–13

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.







Ephesians 5:18

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Proverbs 23:29-30, 35

Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.



Bacchus aka Dionysus

The 'god' of the grape-harvest, winemaking, orchards and fruit, vegetation, fertility, insanity, ritual madness, religious ecstasy, festivity and theatre in ancient Greek and Roman religion.



He induces a frenzy by his wine, music and ecstatic dance

It frees his followers from self-conscious fear, care and subverts the oppressive restraints of the powerful.

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COMPARE

Drunkenness - AND-being filled with the Spirit

Both will...

Alter the way you think

Change the way you act

Define how others perceive you

Have repercussions for you and others that can reach far into the future



CONTRAST

Drunkenness -AND- being filled with the Spirit

Drunkenness	Filled with Spirit
Out of control	Under God's control
Lacking inhibition	Temperate in all things
Unable to resist temptation	Victorious over temptation by the Spirit
Murderous, lustful, idolatrous, etc.	Bearing fruit of the Spirit
Foolish	Wise
Waste time	Redeeming the time
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False courage and confidence	Blessed assurance in Christ
Leads to death and destruction	Leads to life and Eternal Life

Romans 8:12-14

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.



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Life in the flesh -AND- Life in the Spirit

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"The craving for a fuller, richer life, for hours in which we rise above ourselves, and pass the normal and customary limitations of our powers, is a natural craving. Paul indicates how it should be satisfied: "Be not drunken with wine wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit." Forsake the sins which render it impossible for the pure and righteous Spirit of God to grant you the fulness of His inspiration; keep the channels open through which the streams that flow from Divine and eternal fountains may find their way into your nature; and then the dull monotony of life will be broken, and hours of generous excitement will come."



Why be Filled with The Spirit?



Romans 8:8–9

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.



Matthew 12:43-45

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.



Acts 2:33

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

1 John 4:13

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.



Hebrews 12:1

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



1 Thessalonians 5:19

Quench not the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.



Ephesians 5:19–21

- Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- Rejoice evermore.
- Pray without ceasing.
- In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.



1 John 2:1-3

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.



Galatians 5:16–18

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For 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. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.



1 John 2:28-29

And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.



2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

1 Timothy 2:4

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.



2 Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.



Be Filled with THANK YOU!

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