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“How to Be Spirit Filled”
Ephesians 5:18-21 Part 10

Read Ephesians 5:18-21 and note ...

- Vs. 18 is a command of scripture, not a suggestion.
- A plural command, made to the entire church.
- A passive command – we yield, the Spirit empowers.
- A present tense command – this is a matter of continuous obedience!

The Spirit filled person is characterized by ...

- 1) Much singing, praise, worship – vs. 19
- 2) Much thanksgiving and gratitude – vs. 20
- 3) Mutual submission – vs. 21

- A revolutionary concept in our revolting society!
- Submission is the basis of all DIVINE-HUMAN relationships, so we want to answer the following over the next couple of weeks:
 - A) Submission, what is it? Why is it important?
 - B) Who am I to be submissive to?
 - C) Why do I submit?

A) Submission ... what is it and why is it important?

- Greek *hypotassō* – a military term, meaning “to arrange or rank under”. I like to define it as a person who’s willing to march in step with another.
- Our society, described in the Book of Judges, “Every man does what is right in his own eyes.”
- But what does the Bible say? 1 Peter 1:13-22

Christ is our ultimate example ... He not only submitted to the Father’s will, but He humbled himself to our desperate need as well!

1 Corinthians 11:3, “But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.”

- Is God the Father SUPERIOR to Christ? No! John 5:18; 10:30
- The Son voluntarily submitted to the will of the Father.

John 17:3

Philippians 2:5-11

- Not a matter of superiority or inferiority, but mutual submission.

- Same between a man and a woman in marriage. The man is in submission to Christ, but in his leadership, he is in submission to the needs, the care, provision, protection and instruction of his family.

This is what we cry out for in our society, isn't it? Men who actually govern for the benefit of those they lead.

- The main idea of submission is relinquishing one's perceived rights to help meet the needs of another ... like Christ. Why? Colossians 1:14
- Two sides to submission – one side is submitting to authority. The other side is committed to meeting the needs of those you lead.
- All relationships are built on the principle of mutual submission.

So, what's the role of mutual submission in the church?

- Galatians 3:26-29 – We are all spiritual equals in Christ.

And yet, MEN have been given the lead in the church.

1 Timothy 2:9-15

- Why can't women do everything men do?
- One obvious reason – God created a woman to be a woman! And we're seeing it in our society today – we need women to be women ... godly mothers and wives, not men!
- God created men to be men, not women! God created women to be women, not men! Both are pillars in any society, if they fulfill their God-designed role. This is one reason our society is in the process of crumbling today.

We'll talk more about it next week ...

SUGGESTED DEVOTIONAL READING

- Monday:** Read about a well-ordered society – Deuteronomy 5
Tuesday: Read about a well-ordered society – Deuteronomy 6
Wednesday: Read about a well-ordered society – Deuteronomy 7
Thursday: Read about a well-ordered society – Deuteronomy 8
Friday: The Blessing and the Curse – Deuteronomy 28
Saturday: Memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-9

TABLE TALK

Read Deuteronomy 8:11-14 and 18-20. Discuss why America is on the downside of our greatness. What would have to happen to get the ship of state sailing right, once again?